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NATIONALISTS PLAN TO INVADE MAINLAND

Chiang Kai-shek's promise of counter-attack

KMT HOPES BRIGHTER

Taipeh, February 19.

The chances of China's embattled Nationalist regime for staging a comeback appeared brighter today than they have been for many months.

Indications from a number of different sources painted an optimistic picture which may develop into a real Nationalist counter thrust or may fizzle out like so many previous Nationalist efforts. But on the surface, the following developments pointed in only one direction:

1. **Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told Chinese on the mainland that the Nationalists are ready to mount a counter attack to regain China from the Communists.**

2. The Nationalist air and naval blockade and attacks have been successful beyond the wildest expectations, and are gravely threatening the morale in Communist-held cities.

3. The mainland is going through the first serious wave of reaction to Communist rule, and with a little extra effort on the part of the Nationalists this could be whipped into real resistance.

4. Nationalist representatives in the United States have been instructed to exert every effort in an all-out drive to get substantial military and economic assistance.

5. There have been persistent reports of large Communist troop movements toward the Chekiang-Kiangsi coast. These could be preparations for an assault on Taiwan, but they could equally well mean that the Communists anticipate a Nationalist thrust from the island bastion into the mainland.

Counter-attack promised

Nationalist planes for the past week have been showering leaflets over Communist-held cities heralding a counter-attack against the Communists. The last batch carried a personal message from the Generalissimo, who told the Chinese people: "We are making far-flung preparations for a counter-offensive on the mainland. With our countrymen in free China I will come to rescue you through action, not words."

The Nationalists are building their air force into a powerful striking arm which is extending farther inland. They also have a substantial number of landing and other Naval craft as well as a large stockpile of petrol and spare parts. A steady supply of munitions is arriving from United States ports.

Communist admissions of serious economic troubles, plus adverse reaction from the recent signing of the Sino-Soviet treaties, are seen as helping the Nationalist cause. The Nationalist blockade has done much to heighten the effects of the Communists' own economic troubles.

Foreign observers here said that while the majority of the Chinese people were fed up with the corruption in Chiang's regime, the Generalissimo himself has always been beyond reproach and still commands the support of the majority of Chinese. These observers said there is good reason to believe that large number of Chinese will rally to his banner should the Generalissimo re-establish himself on the mainland of China.

Reliable quarters here said the Generalissimo has instructed his representatives in the United States, T. V. Soong, H.H. Kung and T.F. Tsiang, to exert every effort to win additional military and economic aid. This move is presumably co-ordinated with developments on the mainland.

They said the envoys had been instructed to point out that under the recent aid bill passed by Congress, South Korea was allotted $60,000,000 while China—a much hotter spot in the cold war—was given only $10,000,000. Aid now arriving in Taiwan is the tail-end of the $125,000,000 military aid allocation which was approved several years ago, but this fund is rapidly running out.

President Truman also has at his disposal $75,000,000 appropriated for use in the "general area of China."

Nationalist sources here believe that recent Communist gains in South East Asia have brightened the chances of getting more assistance for Nationalist China, since the Chinese Communists are regarded as the fountainhead of various Communist movements throughout Asia.

Says Mao will be executed

Chiang Kai-shek promised a Nationalist offensive on the mainland in the near future, and said that Mao Tse-tung would be executed, adds Associated Press.

Implying his conviction that another world conflict must come, and would result in the defeat of the Soviet Union, Chiang declared that Stalin would be tried as a war criminal by an international court.

The Generalissimo made these statements in leaflets which were air-dropped over China by his warplanes during the Chinese New-Year-holidays.

One of the leaflets said: "At this time of festival, I think all the more of you my brothers and sisters on the mainland.

"Though my body is here in Taiwan—in free China—my heart is always with you.

"I well realise you are leading the lives of slaves under rule of darkness and violence.

"That is why, despite all difficulties, I am making preparations for a counter offensive on the mainland.

"I will come to your rescue with real action in the near future."

Sino-Soviet alliance

Chiang condemned the alliance concluded at Moscow between Stalin and Mao Tse-tung.

He added: "Mao has treacherously sold China to imperialist Russia."

He added that Mao had given Chinese lives, property, food and China's culture away to Stalin.

"My dear countrymen," Chiang continued, "can you stand the oppressive rule of the Communists? Can you suffer your descendants to be trampled upon by Russians? If not, rise against those who would enslave you. Don't let the Communists seize our manpower or our resources. Take action to hasten their collapse."

Chiang said there had been many uprisings in China, adding: "Internal conflict within the Communist party has become more and more serious. Communist officials have become corrupt and inefficient. Anti-Communist officials have become forces which offer to unite and strengthen our resistance. Such favourable conditions indicate that the future of the anti-Communist war is bright and final victory will be ours."—Associated Press and United Press.

AUSTRALIA TO BAN COMMUNIST PARTY

London, February 19.

Radio Australia said today that the first legislature to be introduced by the new Government would be a Bill to declare the Australian Communist Party illegal.—Reuter.

Alleged corruption in Indo-China

Paris, February 19.

The French Press today carried the text of secret documents submitted by General Georges Marie Revers to the French Parliamentary Commission enquiring into alleged corruption in Indo-China.

A letter by General Revers, former Chief of Staff, did not name "leading French personalities" believed to be connected with the allegations, although the General had promised the Commission that he would submit a note containing "indications which would enable them to find the names."

A report by General Revers dealt with his relations with M. Roger Peyre, recently described by the Premier, M. George Bidault, as "a triple agent."

M. Edmond Michelet, Chairman of the Commission, last night informed the members that the secret documents had been unsealed, read and communicated to the Press by "one of our colleagues."

In his report, the General dealt with diplomatic, military, political, and economic information given him by M. Peyre whom he described as being "more influential" than himself, even when he was Chief of Staff.

The Commission is now seeking the names of those with whom M. Peyre associated and from whom he acquired his information. The General said that for a long time he had been the victim of a Press campaign "trying to force me to talk."

"They want me to put forward the names of personalities as prey for their political opponents," he added.

In his report General Revers claimed that M. Peyre informed him in August, 1947, of the Cominform plans for social agitation to be carried out later in the autumn.

"This action, M. Peyre told me, was intended to hide the real Soviet policy, based entirely on the Asiatic Cominform, and on Soviet control of China."—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN FEARED

Tokyo, February 19.

Japanese seismologists warned today that there soon might be a serious earthquake in Northern Japan. They based their theory on the recent activity of volcanoes in the area.

Parties from the Tokyu University's Seismological Research Institute's Meteorological Observatory, and the Tohoku University have in the past few days been studying the activity of Mount Azuma.

Mount Azuma last erupted 50 years ago. Mount Takemama, on the Akita-Nigata border, and Mount Kurikoma, in the same chain of mountains as Azuma, erupted several times last year.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the Eastward movement of the continental anti-cyclone across Japan into the Pacific has been temporarily retarded by the depression in the sea of Japan. This depression has deepened and is expected to move NE wards across Northern Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate, occasionally fresh, N' winds, continuing cloudy with little change in temperature.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 55.3 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 50.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—71.4 mm.=2.81 ins. as against an average of 82.6 mm.=3.25 ins.

	Readings at 10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer	1024.3 mb.	1021.4 mb.
Temperature	50.36	55.0 (actual)
Rel. Humidity	81	71 %
Dew Point	46	46 deg. F.
Wind Direction	NNE	N by E
Wind Force	1	5 knots.

Churchill speaks to vast crowd

A general view of the impressive scene as Mr. Winston Churchill addressed an "overflow" of many thousands after speaking at a mass meeting in the Victoria Town Hall, Leeds, at the opening of the election campaign. He was speaking outside the Hall to the thousands gathered in Victoria Square. (AP Photo).

Reported Russian approach to U.S.

Washington, February 19.

Political circles speculated today that reports that Russia is considering a high level approach to the United States together with the statement of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, favouring a similar move by the United States may cause President Truman to make public some aspects of the cold war strategy which the Administration had hoped to keep secret for the time being.

These sources said political pressure on the President and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, from both Congress and the public in favour of a "new approach" has reached proportions which it will be difficult to ignore, however good the reasons.

They said this influence, plus added concern that Russia might score a propaganda victory by making the first move, may cause the Administration sooner than it had wished to make public its position that while the doors are open to atomic control talks with Russia through the United Nations at any time, no new or extraordinary move is intended.

Some informed sources said the President may now also feel called on to clarify his cryptic comment in an interview last week that he might send a special envoy to Moscow as, he said, it was tentatively planned just before the United States elections in 1946.

Some political informed sources here have obtained the impression that both the President and the State Department had been attempting to defer announcement of any decision to meet the Russians in the interest of strategic timing.—United Press.

Dispersal of industries

Russia is speeding the dispersal of industries to the Urals, Central Asia and Siberia, intelligence reports from behind the iron curtain indicated today, adds a United Press report from London.

Plans for the expansion of industries and raw material sources in Asiatic Russia have been intensified apparently in fear of the atomic and hydrogen bombs. Time schedules have been advanced and production targets for new industrial centres were raised above the original timetable set by the five-year plan.

The changed situation in the Far East and prospects for closer co-operation with Communist China were believed to have speeded the move which started during the war with Nazi Germany. Plans to shift half of the Soviet production of steel and coal and one-third of the oil output to "Eastern industrial centres" were believed to be nearing completion.

Under the Soviet five-year plan these targets were set for the end of 1950. The moves were supplemented by the expansion and development of transport facilities in the East.

Electrification of railway lines conducting the important industrial Kuzbas basin in Asiatic Russia with the Urals and the industrial centre of Magnitogorsk in South Urals with the coal basin of Caraganda in Kazakhstan Republic, was reported to have reached an advance stage. Diesel locomotives are speeding up traffic on the railroad of Central Asia, the reports added.

Special attention has been paid to the development of oil centres in the East, according to the reports. A Soviet source announced oil discoveries last year in the area betwen the Volga and the Urals in Bashkir and Tatar republics in Saratov Kazakhstan, Turkmenia and Uzbekhistan, where exploration is in progress.

The Soviet plans were said to aim at deriving between 30 and 40 per cent of the maximum extraction from Eastern oil. The Russians have announced that the industrial output has increased 3-1/2 times in the Urals, nearly three times in Siberia and more than three times in the Volga area before the end of the war. Under the five-year plan this trend was to be continued and developed to encourage inner colonisation and for strategic reasons.—United Press.

Peking hails Sino-Soviet treaty

London, February 19.

Leading commentators and Government officials of the Chinese People's Republic have hailed the new Soviet-Chinese treaty of friendship as the "principal event in Chinese history for the past 100 years" and a "firm guarantee of lasting world peace," Moscow Radio said today.

The broadcast, monitored here, quoted Tass messages from Peking, including statements by leading Communist Government Figures.

The radio quoted Mr. Li Chai-sum, vice-chairman of the People's Government in a statement published by the newspaper, "Jen Min Jih Pao," as saying: "An analysis of the contents of the new treaty and agreements convinces me of the boundless sincerity of our friendly neighbour."

Mr. Chang Po-chun, member of the People's Government council, said the treaty meant the Chinese people will never be isolated."

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, described by Moscow radio as a "noted writer," said the treaty "not only is the principal event in Chinese history in the past 100 years, but is one of the most important occurrences in world history of this century."

The Minister of Education, Mr. Mah Su-lun, said for China and the Soviet Union the treaty "is a firm guarantee of lasting peace."

Hong Kong reaction

Chinese circles in Hong Kong "widely acclaimed the signing of the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance" when the news reached there on February 15, according to Peking radio today.

The radio said the Hong Kong "Wen Wei Pao" the "Ta Kung Pao" published special editions that day.

"Cultural workers in Hong Kong, including writer Szema Wen-shen and cinema worker Su Yi, said this was the happiest event since the founding of the People's Republic of China," the broadcast said. "The contents of the treaty and agreements showed that strong assistance would be rendered to the Chinese people on their way toward new democratic construction."

Industrialist Chen Chu-pei was quoted as saying: "The great assistance rendered by the Soviet Union to the people's democracies stands out in sharp contrast to the aggressive foreign policy of imperialism."—United Press.

Policeman, tram driver in incident

The police are looking into an incident which arose from a small traffic accident at Wanchai yesterday in which a tram driver was alleged to have been assaulted by a traffic constable.

Contacted by the "China Mail" last night, Inspector Wheeler of the Wanchai Police Station said that a Chinese traffic constable was directing traffic at the junction of Johnston Road and Queen's Road East when he was knocked down by a tram.

Inspector Wheeler stated that the tram had failed to stop when signalled to do so by the traffic officer on duty. "The fault was probably attributable to the inefficiency of the brakes," he added.

Asked to comment on the alleged assault by the traffic officer on the tram driver after the accident, Inspector Wheeler said that he could neither confirm nor deny the assault charge until he had made further investigations into the case and had consulted his superior officer.

The report received by the "China Mail" said that the traffic constable assaulted the tram driver with his fist and truncheon and his revolver.

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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SMASH FISH RACKET

Government is preparing for action to smash the fish racket (exposed in the February 12 issue of the "Sunday Herald") the "China Mail" learned authoritatively yesterday.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that Government has investigated the matter. Certain Government officials have visited the Wholesale Fish Markets to observe the methods used by the racketeers to dictate the price of fish.

Plans for smashing the group of unscrupulous fish merchants who are victimising the public are being drawn up for approval by the Executive Council.

As reported in the "Sunday Herald" on February 12, a group of 10 or 15 men corner all fish brought into the Colony by buying outright at the Government Wholesale Fish Markets.

The bidding is done through apparently independent agents. The fish is subsequently sold through retailers at margins allowing grossly inflated profits.

In recent months the difference between what the fishermen got for their catch and what members of the public subsequently paid had approached 90 per cent.

Macao arms traffic condemned

Taipeh, February 19.

The Ministry of Defence today condemned Chinese smugglers in Macao for trafficking in arms and ammunitions into Indo-China, Siam and Malaya by speedboats to support local Communists.

The communique said that under the personal supervision of the Macao representative of the Far East Cominform, Chen Mun, a group of pirates have been taking supplies to Red elements in the South East Asia area in the past months.

The Chungshan district, birthplace of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, has become the centre of smuggling, said the communique. Shortly after the fall of Canton, Chungshan was reported "liberated" by the Communists and the five-star yellow flag was flying at the boundary to Macao. Troops later moved to Chungshan to consolidate the area in view of the increasing Nationalist guerilla activities.

Huang brothers

The communique said the two surplus United States speedboats Seahorse and Favourable Wind used for the illegal traffic were sold three years ago to a group of outlaws under the notorious Huang brothers who were labelled by the Nationalist government as Wang Ching-wei collaborators during World War II. The Huang brothers are today defectionists and engaged in smuggling operations between Macao and the Chinese mainland via Chungshan.

The communique said these diesel-engined, high speed "blockade runners" are giving headaches to the Chinese Navy and Customs at Lappa Island near Macao.

Chen Mun, repeatedly mentioned in the communique, is a former doctor by profession who, according to Chinese sources here had been an agent for the Huang brothers and collaborated with the Japanese during World War II.—United Press.

Noel-Baker answers Churchill

Coventry, February 19.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, entering the H-bomb controversy on Mr. Winston Churchill's call for an approach to Russia, declared today that the Conservative Party had "in the last years before the war destroyed the hope of Russian co-operation."

"We have the H-bomb because he had the second World War. We had the second World War because the League of Nations was destroyed, because the pledges of the Covenant for all-round disarmament by international agreement were not carried out," Mr. Noel-Baker told a meeting here.

"Those who saw it closely, and I was among them, believed that Mr. Maxim Litvinov (former Soviet Foreign Commissar) understood the principle of collective security, that Marshal Stalin would have supported him for collective security through the League against the Fascists and the Nazis.

"Time and again Russia made proposals to this end, which were rejected.

"Who has forgotten that Russia was not invited to the Munich Conference in 1938? That her proposal for a conference in Bucharest in March, 1939, was contemptuously turned down? That Lord Halifax (former Conservative Foreign Secretary) could visit Goering in Berlin, could propose the toast of the Emperor of Abyssinia in Rome, but could not go to Moscow to discuss how Hitler could be contained, and sent an official instead?"—Reuter.

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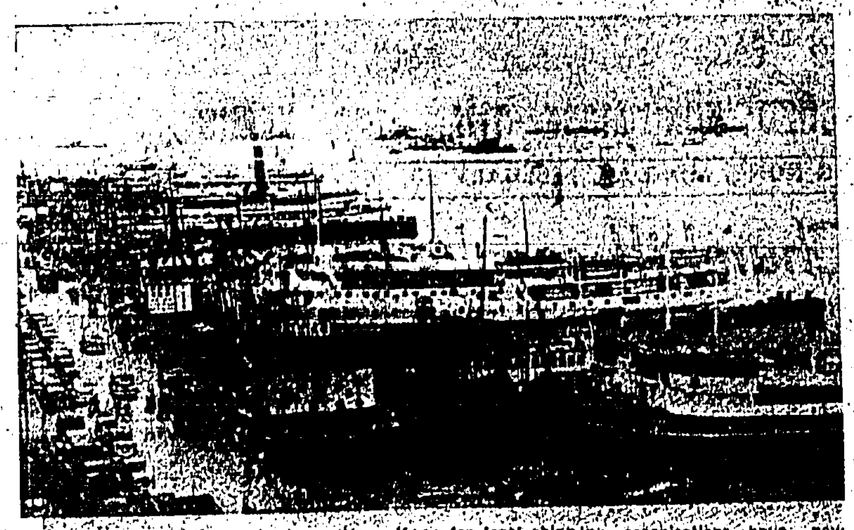

River vessels operating from Hong Kong for local shipping organisations have now changed berths along the Connaught Road Praya when the Tung On, Po Tak and Hoi On Piers changed ownership on Chinese New Year (February 17). The Tung On Pier seen in the foreground will now accommodate vessels of the Ta Hing Company. Further is the Po Tak Pier which will now serve vessels of the Tak Kee Company. The mv. Hong Kong will berth alongside that pier. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Loans to Macao refugees

Sir,—This nauseating lament by so many of the subject of loans made in Macao is causing more people to view it with silent contempt rather than with sympathy. In the first place, the issue is such a simple one. Cash loans were made and accepted. The proposition was a perfectly reasonable one under the circumstances. No interest on loans was demanded. Furthermore, the Creditors are being reasonable in their present demand for repayment of these loans. It has been made known publicly, that repayments may be made by instalments agreeable to the present earning power of the debtors. In some cases, it was stated, applications for the writing-off of the debt will also be entertained.

It seems quite obvious to me that those who are crying out the loudest over this—which they are only too eager to blame on to a typical "local injustice"—are those who had incurred a heavy debt in Macao by their happy contact those days with the organisation in Macao only too well known to us. They were probable the privileged ones who received much more than a reasonable share of subsidy or relief.

It is also interesting to note that there are many who are willing today to make good these debts. They grumble, of course. But what man doesn't when a bill is presented. Nevertheless, they are aware of a moral obligation.

Forget this business of the war and the dramatised heroics. Sure, we went to the war. But we didn't go particularly for the Creditors. The motive that pushed us to the front came mainly from an instinct to defend ourselves and freedom threatened by a force which we by ourselves could do nothing about. Blame it all on the fortunes of war if we have to blame it on something. But let's stop this self-pitying and do something for ourselves.

A. R. C.

BAND CONCERT

Holiday makers at the Botanical Gardens yesterday were given a treat of band music by the Band of The King's Shropshire Light Infantry which played for two hours.

The Band, conducted by Mr. C. W. G. Hey, ARCM, was given a warm ovation.

Connaught Road piers change ownership

The Chinese New Year saw a re-shuffle of berths along the Connaught Road Praya when three piers changed ownership on February 17.

Government tenders have been given to the Ta Hing Company, Tak Kee Company and Tai Yip Company to use the Tung On, Po Tak and Hoi On Piers, respectively, for a period of one year, it was learned yesterday.

River vessels operated by these local shipping organisations changed positions over the week-end.

The mv. Hong Kong (Tak Kee Company) has shifted to her new berth at the Po Tak Pier. She was at the Tung On Pier formerly.

The Cheung Hing will be alongside the Tung On Pier now.

The mv. Lee Hong will have to seek another berth. She was at the Po Tak Pier.

Pier labourers were paid off and new hands engaged after the transfer was effected, according to vernacular Press reports yesterday.

Refuse to move

The Ta Hing Company encountered difficulty at the Tung On Pier, when the coolies who are residing on the premises refused to move on the ground that they were given too short a notice.

Through the intervention of the Labour Office, it was reported, the coolies have been given four days leave to find accommodation elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the Tai Yip Company is awaiting the delivery of the ss. Sai On, now undergoing reconversion at Ngauchiwan. The fire-gutted hulk of the former British steamer will be reconverted into a luxurious river passenger vessel and it is expected to see her joining the Hong Kong-Macao run by April this year.

Professor Rideout missing

Less than a month after his arrival in the Colony from Sydney by the ss. Changte on January 17, Professor John Kennedy Rideout, aged 36, was reported missing.

The report was made to the Police at 11.45 a.m. on Thursday, February 16 that Professor Rideout professor of Chinese studies at the Hong Kong University was last seen by his students at a lecture on Thursday morning.

Investigations are still being carried out by the Police in their efforts to trace the missing man.

Professor Rideout arrived in the Colony to organise an Institute of Chinese Studies for the three combined Universities in the United Kingdom—Cambridge, Oxford and London—in co-operation with the local University.

He was working in conjunction with Professor (Miss) E. D. Edwards who arrived here late last year, both being professors of Chinese.

Professor Rideout has made extensive studies of both the Chinese and Japanese languages during the past 16 years but this is his first visit to the Far East.

Towering 6 feet 2 inches, Professor Rideout has grey hair and a black moustache and was last seen wearing a grey tweed suit and a cotton shirt.

Students who saw him last said that he appeared cheerful and quite normal just before his disappearance. However in the report to the Police he was described as a "sick man."

Singapore social welfare

A United Nations expert, visiting Singapore, is so impressed with the social welfare work which is being carried out there that he considers that Singapore may in future become a model for other countries in Asia.

He is Dr. Jal Bulsara, Far Eastern representative of the United Nations Division of Social Activities. He said that if the Colony could develop it's welfare services further, observers from neighbouring areas might be recommended to go there and study some of its highly developed activities.

Dr. Bulsara, who is on tour to explain his organisation's programme of giving advice on social welfare, considers Singapore an important laboratory for social welfare work in this regich.

He explained that Singapore's limited size and manageable numbers enable her welfare workers to obtain a good perspective of their activities and to see the results of their work.

This was not possible in larger countries where such work was spread over a bigger area.

"My overall impressions of Singapore's social welfare work are very favourable," he said. He added that although the social services were not yet complete or comprehensive, they were "pretty much on the way to becoming a well-coordinated programme."

He was impressed with the social survey conducted by the Social Welfare Department, the Five Year Plan, the Children's Social Centre, the Boys' Clubs, the tackling of the juvenile delinquency problem, the Probation System and finally the treatment of prisoners.

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Christianity's contribution to medicine in China

That Christianity has made a real and significant contribution in the development of modern medicine in China, was the gist of an informative on "Christian Medical Contribution to China" given by Dr. E. E. Murray of the Presbyterian Mission Home before the weekly Arm Chair Group at the European YMCA last night.

Dealing with the contribution made by the Protestant Missions only, Dr. Murray said that it was his impression that what the Catholic Church has done and is doing is more in the direction of dispensaries rather than hospitals.

Before the Christian contribution, Dr. Murray said, medical practice in China was in the hands of doctors who could read and consult records of diseases and books on the treatment of them and apply this knowledge to the practice of medicine.

"In the Chinese system of medicine, the son would be an apprentice to his father and thus continue the medical profession from generation to generation," he said.

Dr. Murry continued: "Neither Taoism, Confucianism, nor Buddhism as religions made any special medical contribution to China. Christianity is unique in this respect. Medical work was started early in the Protestant Mission effort. This beginning was almost 150 years ago and continues to this day to be given strong emphasis."

This beginning, Dr. Murray declared, was not without difficulties: "Much prejudice had to be overcome. Wild stories often circulated. At first many patients came only after every native method had been tried and the sick person was considered to be in a hopeless condition. But beginnings were made and openings developed so that the Mission dispensary and hospital became acceptable institutions in the community.

Major task

"The early Mission doctor practiced every specialty, including eye operations and dental work. However, surgery was his major task because that was the field in which China was most backward."

During recent times many important changes have taken place, said Dr. Murray, adding that the government has more rapidly taken responsibility in the care of the sick. In the fields of medical education and public health, the government also has assumed leadership, with extensive plans for development. This trend was very rapid in the decade 1930-1940.

Quoting Dr. K. C. Wong, Dr. Murray said that in 1948 there were 21,422 doctors and 54,953 hospital beds in China and that the government was chiefly responsible for this growth since there were only six Mission medical schools functioning at the time.

Among the most prevalent diseases affecting the Chinese people were trachoma, syphilis and gonorrhea, pulmonary tuberculosis, tumors, eye and skin diseases, gunshot wounds, kala azar, schistosomyasis, malaria and tetanus neonitorum. Leprosy is also very common in China, except in the North. He said that at least 1,000,000 people in China have leprosy.

Concluding with a quotation from Latourette that "Protestants still had a large share in bringing the methods and facilities of modern Western medicine and surgery to the healing of the diseases of China," Dr. Murray said: "We would expect the Communist regime to make significant progress, and this is apt to be in the direction of reaching more of the masses."

Mr. R. P. Dart presided.

Mr. Lam Pui-sang, philanthropist and patriot, who died here on Thursday.

Obituary

Mr. Lam Pui-sang

Mr. Lam Pui-sang, Chinese philanthropist, of 69 Connaught Road, Central, died on Thursday at his residence after a short illness at the age of 67.

Active in local charity work and in the affairs of his own country, Mr. Lam who was proprietor of the Kee Sang Boarding House, Conhhught Road Central, was at the time of his death Chairman of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society and Chairman of the Lam Family Fraternal Society.

He was formerly a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang for the Hong Kong and Macao District.

Duing the Japanese occupation of the Colony Mr. Lam was taken prisoner by the Japanese and was kept at the Wanchai Gendarmerie where he was tortured for his political activities. After two weeks of torture, thinking that he would not live long, the Japanese released him.

Mr. Lam is survived by his widow, two sons, Messrs. Lam Chi-ming and Lam Chi-leung, and seven daughters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday and his body will later be taken to Macao for burial.

Nationalists detain British ship

Taipeh, February 18.

Nationalist naval authorities are holding under arrest the British freighter Caduceus.

The reasons for her detention have not been disclosed.

The Caduceus is being held at Kaohsiung, on the South Western coast of Taiwan, better known as Takao, former Japanese naval base.

The authorities here referred newsmen to Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy, for information.

Kwei, leading spirit behind the blockade of Red China, is at Kaohsiung, but efforts to contact him by phone were unsuccessful.

Past trade

A possible reason for the detention of the Caduceus is that she traded with Red China ports in the past, but this could not be confirmed here.

The freighter last week was allowed to enter and leave Keelung, the port of Taipeh. Her master is a Briton, a Captain Conway.

Also under detention at Kaohsiung is the 900-ton freighter Swallow, which is under Panamanian registry. She was intercepted last month while trying to run the blockade to the Communist-held island city of Amoy and was escorted to Kaohsiung by a Nationalist warship but...

British shipping circles in Taiwan are known to be worried over the possible detention of British ships. Some of them including vessels under charter, have not been released although they left Taiwan ports...

ST. JOHN ORDERS

Orders by Mr. A. el Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 7/50 dated February 18, 1950:

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: February 19 to 25, Shaukiwan Division; February 26 to March 4, China Sing Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: February 20 to 26, KYMCA Division; February 27 to March 5, Mongkok Division.

Race Course Duties: Saturday, February 25th, Nam and Motor Transport Divisions.

Rugby Match Duties: Saturday, February 18, Boundary Street, 2.15 p.m., Mongkok Division.

Football Match Duties: Fri. 17, Caroline Hill 3 p.m., South China and Eastern Divisions; Sun. 19, Caroline Hill 3 p.m., South China and Causeway Bay Division; Mon. 20, Caroline Hill 2 p.m., South China and Central Divisions; Mon. 20, Boundary Street 2 p.m. Mongkok Division; Tues. 21, Boundary Street 2 p.m., Mongkok Division.

Transfers: A/O. Wong, Pak-sun transferred from Mongkok to Tsimshatsui Division with Immediate effect.

Promotions and Appointments: A/O Wong Tak-sum, now Div. Supt. (on probation) with effect from January 1st. Cpl. Lo Fat-kim Wheeler to be Sgt. with effect from January 16th. L/Cpl. Yau Chack-sun to be Cpl. with effect from January 16th. L/Cpl. Ngai Kin-cheung to be Cpl. with effect from January 16th.

EDWARDS, A.D.S.J.A.
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

A hundred years ago

Tales told in "China Mail" files.

"John Bull" contributes, in the form of a long letter to the Editor, a paean of praise on the British passion for sports:

"We have just finished a capital week's sport, and I am sure there is no one who joined in it, that has not been the better for it in some way. Zounds, Sir, such a stir up to the blood is worth all the drugs in the Colony. Here we are in the summer like lobsters almost boiled alive in our own perspiration, all our exercise a quiet canter or else a sleepy dawdling walk, along roads baked as hard as bricks. This sort of thing turns us out, at the end of the year, with faces as white as our jackets, or else as yellow as bile, with minds and livers of the same complexion. The winter comes, which gives us a chance of outdoor exercise. What better can we do than set on foot those manly and athletic sports which remind us of Old England and which enable us, by re-invigorating our constitutions, to do our duties to her and ourselves? Field Sports and other manly exercises are what distinguish us from the rest of the world... The English lad grows up a man in every sense of the word. If he has to complain of his neighbours, or the laws, no underhand work, no backbiting, no conspiracies, no barricades, no muskets and bayonets for him. He tells his mind boldly. His forefathers have won for him a constitutional method of redressing his grievance; he adopts it. When anything is to be done in the way of fighting he does it, and does it well. He is not so gallant a man as some of his continental neighbours, but is he a worse lover or worse husband for that? Then hail to athletic sports! They develop the muscles and expand the chest. This gives the heart room to grow big enough to feel in charity with all mankind; and to pity those, unfortunate mortals who mope and pine away their days. So my brave lads, seize your cricket bats, your race whips, your oars, or your guns, put your hearts into sports while you are at it, and hang care and the doctor."

Wanted—a Municipality.

"We are by no means certain that we have either a constituency, or the proper leaders of a constituency, out of which to form a municipal body, capable of managing the affairs of the city of Victoria. We do not say that there is no person capable of managing municipal affairs; but that of those persons capable, some would not take the trouble, while others would plead the necessity of attention of their own business, in preference to attention to that of the public. This at Home is of little importance; for there staffs of well paid officials keep the municipal machine going, however remiss members of the Council may be in their attendance. Here it is different, as it is to do away with staffs of well paid officials that we ask for self-government. Nothing could be simpler than the electing or constituting a municipal system of Government in this Colony. The two Jury lists supply the mesh, here are the electors and the candidates for election; that is to say that both lists are the electors and out of both lists you can pick candidates." A Contemporary, writing on the same subject, said that the Grand Jury list represented the property and intelligence of the Island. We do not mean to deny that much property and intelligence are represented by the Grand Jury of this Colony, but at the same time we say there is much property and intelligence which are not represented by the Grand Jury. At Home and in most of the Colonies, if not all, large recruits of Municipal candidates are drawn from the learned professions and respectable Shop keepers, none of whom have any representative on the Grand Jury here. The Press also supplies many candidates for municipal honours. Here we have three newspapers: Mr. Shortrede is proprietor, editor, and publisher of the "China Mail" and on the Petty Jury list; Ranking as a Tradesman, Mr. Carl, proprietor and editor of the "Friend of China" is a Petty Jurer for the same reason, having been until lately publisher of the paper. Mr. Cairns, former proprietor of the "Hong Kong Register," who is on the same list for the like reason; Mr. Stretton, how the Printer and Publisher of the last-named paper is on the Grand Jury, and Mr. Mitchell, the editor, is a Grand Juror and a Justice of the Peace. We do not impugn this as envying these Gentleman's position, or from any desire to become candidates for municipal honours, but in the hope that when the privilege of governing ourselves is granted, we may not be excluded from giving our vote, to the men we may think most able to administer funds of which we subscribe, a portion, merely because we are not on the Grand Jury list."

London, February 18.

Princess Margaret will visit Gloucestershire on Monday and Tuesday next.

Home soccer:

Broken legs and injuries feature day of football crammed with incidents

London, February 18.

Three players broke their legs and several others as well as a referee were injured in a day of football crammed with incidents.

Special features were the way in which clubs overcame the handicaps of hurt men and the number of late goals which affected results. One of the players who broke his leg was Billy Linacre, the Middlesbrough outside-right, who must be about the unluckiest footballer in the game.

Twice before while with Chesterfield, Linacre had suffered similar damage and it was the second time on the Maine Road ground.

The mishap occurred 11 minutes after the start and Linacre was taken to hospital. Prior to this he had provided the centre with which Woodward scored and the 10 Middlesbrough men hung on to that lead to the end.

Manchester City, Linacre's former club, thus lost two valuable points and the relegation bogey remains. The signing of Westcott from Blackburn failed to put punch into the attack even though the newcomer tried hard.

Williams, the West Bromwich inside-forward, fractured his leg after 17 minutes at Liverpool.

Albion put up a great fight against the First Division leaders and only a goal by Brierley three minutes from the end gave Liverpool victory.

Liverpool themselves had a casualty when Hughes, their centre-half, had a stitch inserted after a kick in the face but he returned and is not expected to be kept out of the England "B" team against Holland on Wednesday.

The other broken leg occurred to Howells, Crystal Palace outside left, following a collision with a Bournemouth defender after 15 minutes.

Rose to occasion

The depleted side rose to the occasion and Rooke, the Palace player-manager, shot the only goal three minutes from the end. The Palace have now obtained 12 points in their last seven games and have conceded only one goal during the process.

They have as a result made an appreciable rise in the Table.

Other teams which won in spite of injuries were Nottingham Forest, who were without Birkett, their left-half, with a damaged leg all through the second half and Reading, who trounced Southend by 5-0 even though Henley was a passenger for most of the game. He finally went off 15 minutes from the end.

To complete the chapter of accidents, Mr. H. Jackson of Leeds, who refereed at the Darlington and Stockport match, hurt an ankle in the second half and retired. A linesman took over.

Late goals were also obtained by Oscroft of Stoke who won the match by netting two minutes from time against Newcastle, Jordan of Sheffield Wednesday, Cairns of Grimsby, McGill of Bradford City and J. Core, the Halifax amateur.

Few shock results

Considering the large number of star players absent from matches today through injury, there were surprisingly few shock results.

Blackpool, minus five regulars, including Matthews, went down by an only goal to Fulham, only their second defeat in the last 19 matches.

Derby and Everton were other Cup sides to be beaten and 67,000 people saw Derby lose a thrilling game to Arsenal.

Logie dribbled round the full-back and goalkeeper in true Hughie Gallacher style to score the all important goal.

Charlton gained two much needed points by their success over Everton, who despite Cup performances, are still in the League's danger zone.

Attwell, Burnley wing-half, had an unhappy afternoon for he not only missed a penalty but put through his own goal with the result that Chelsea secured yet another away victory.

They have lost only three of 14 away games this season.

A fair result

Sunderland and Manchester United provided their expected feast of good football with a draw, a fair result. The point for Sunderland allowed them to move into fourth place above Portsmouth.

Portsmouth were beaten at Wolverhampton by a goal headed from McClean, a full-back who was tried at centre-forward because of the many Wolverhampton injuries.

Tottenham Hotspurs killed all suggestions that they were going stale by the ease of their win at Bradford even without two of their leading men, Bailey and Nicholson.

Medley, their left winger, provided the centre for all three goals and Tottenham now have an advantage of 12 points.

Victories by Sheffield United and Leeds brought them into the promotion race and the way Leeds are going—unbeaten in their last 13 matches—suggests they may accompany Tottenham into the higher division.

Veck, Southampton's reserve centre-forward, deputising for Wayman, saved his side a point after Coventry had led by an "own goal."

Queen's Park Rangers fell to the bottom of the Second Division where the struggle to avoid relegation among four of five clubs may be as keen as that at the top for promotion.

Stop in right direction

Notts County took another step in the right direction with a clear cut away victory and although Lawton did not score, he paved the way for most of the four goals.

Torquay made their unbeaten League run 12 with a draw and are three points behind Nottingham.

Three teams, Millwall, Aldershot and Exeter are bracketed in the bottom place in the League III South table.

In the North, Doncaster had an escape. They only drew but not one of the five immediately below them could win and so Doncaster kept their lead.

In Scotland, Willie Waddell of the Rangers and Scotland outside-right, returned to the limelight after 16 weeks of absence through injury.

Against St. Mirren at Paisley he helped in the first goal and netted the winning one himself, 13 minutes from the end. Hibernian still lead the league race and today Gordon Smith was their star with a hat-trick in the first half.

The other Edinburgh side, Hearts, have lost much of their brilliance and could only draw at Falkirk. Celtic kicked off against Stirling Albion and Weir scored without an Albion player touching the ball.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today

British Council sponsored lecture on Chinese Civilisation, "Political Organisation" by Prof. Cheng Te-kun, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Women's Guild meeting, vicarage, 10 a.m.

HKSPC Annual Children's Party, Diocesan Boys' School, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on English Social History "Towards The Welfare of the State" by Mr. G. B. Endacott, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

International Affairs Study Group, talk on "Some Aspects of International Co-operation in the Far East" by Dr. E. S. Kirby, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

HQLF Sergeants Mess, Queen's Road, East, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group meeting, Open Forum, 8.45 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "Parliamentary Procedure" by Mr. G. B. Endacott, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA Guest Night, and Light Concert.

HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

Garrison Players

That well known comedy, "George and Margaret", opens on Wednesday.

The Garrison Players are giving four public performances.

The bookings to date indicate that the theatre goers here are keen followers of the shows given by this group, and the GOC-in-C, Sir E.C. Robert Mansergh, will be present on the opening night.

The Garrison Players have from their first production always provided good entertainment both in the choice of plays produced and in the standard of acting. This reputation should again ensure big audiences for "George and Margaret."

The production is in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel E. Hodgetts, supported by a strong cast.

Tickets are on sale at Moutrie's Chater Road Early bookings are advised. The performances are timed to start at 8.30 p.m. each day. Patrons are asked to co-operate by being in their seats before that hour.

BRITISH COUNCIL LECTURE

The extraordinary political system of the Chinese Empire which lasted for about 2,000 years will be the subject of Professor Cheng Te-kun's next lecture in his series in the British Council Library.

The Confucian family system and the respect for learning which Confucius preached helped to create the system of Government by the best educated from a central capital yet retaining much local autonomy in the village and district.

In no country in the world has a political system remained so unchanged for so long a period.

Professor Cheng's lecture is at 5.30 today.

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HONE SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Liverpool	29	14	12	3	53	32	40
Manchester U	29	14	10	5	49	29	38
Blackpool	28	13	10	5	30	22	36
Sunderland	29	14	7	8	57	45	35
Portsmouth	29	13	8	8	50	29	34
Arsenal	30	13	8	9	51	35	34
Wolves	29	12	10	7	47	37	34
Burnley	30	11	10	9	31	31	32
Derby	28	12	7	9	40	41	31
Chelsea	29	10	11	8	47	41	31
Middlesboro	29	12	5	11	35	34	29
Newcastle	28	11	7	10	40	41	29
Fulham	29	10	9	10	33	32	29
Villa	29	9	10	10	39	40	28
W B A	29	9	8	12	38	40	26
Stoke	30	6	10	12	35	50	26
Bolton	29	7	11	11	33	36	25
Huddersfield	30	8	7	15	32	61	23
Everton	29	6	10	13	27	51	22
Charlton	30	9	3	18	38	48	21
Manchester C	29	5	9	15	24	47	19
Birmingham	29	4	8	17	22	51	16

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Tottenham	29	22	4	3	65	34	48
Sheffield W	29	13	10	6	51	40	36
Hull	29	16	4	9	54	50	36
Sheffield U	31	13	12	7	45	41	36
Leeds	30	13	9	8	39	30	35
Southampton	29	12	10	7	48	33	34
Bury	29	13	5	11	51	39	31
Preston N E	30	11	8	11	38	36	30
West Ham	29	10	9	10	37	36	29
Swansea	29	12	5	12	43	41	29
Brentford	30	9	10	11	32	37	28
Grimsby	29	11	6	12	54	54	28
Barnsley	29	9	9	11	48	47	27
Cardiff	28	11	5	12	27	33	27
Chesterfield	30	10	7	13	29	33	27
Leicester	31	8	11	12	39	48	27
Blackburn	30	10	6	14	39	44	26
Coventry	29	7	9	13	38	46	23
Bradford	29	8	7	14	43	50	23
Luton	29	6	11	12	28	42	23
Plymouth	30	6	11	13	36	50	23
Queen's P R	30	7	8	15	39	60	22

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Notts C	28	19	4	5	62	26	42
Torquay	29	16	7	6	52	40	39
Notts F	30	15	6	9	50	27	36
Northampton	28	14	6	8	48	34	34
Norwich	28	13	7	8	39	27	33
Port Vale	28	12	8	8	44	32	32
Southend	27	12	8	7	38	30	32
Reading	29	14	4	11	56	47	32
Watford	29	11	9	9	33	25	31
Bournemouth	29	12	7	10	40	37	31
Palace	29	11	7	11	38	39	29
Swindon	29	10	7	12	44	44	27
Brighton	29	10	7	12	43	50	27
Bristol R	27	11	4	12	28	33	26
Walsall	29	7	10	12	41	39	24
Bristol C	28	9	6	13	42	49	24
Newport	27	9	4	14	40	60	22
Leyton	29	7	8	14	37	61	22
Ipswich	29	7	7	15	35	61	21
Millwall	27	9	2	16	28	44	20
Aldershot	29	7	6	16	26	47	20
Exeter	28	7	6	15	39	61	20

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Doncaster	28	14	11	3	42	21	39
Rochdale	30	16	5	9	46	29	37
Tranmere	28	14	6	8	35	30	34
Lincoln	29	14	5	10	35	30	33
Crewe	28	11	11	6	47	40	33
Mansfield	30	10	11	9	48	37	31
Gateshead	29	12	7	10	56	44	31
Stockport	28	14	3	11	42	35	31
Oldham	30	12	7	11	40	42	31
Southport	30	12	7	11	40	44	31
Rotherham	29	11	8	10	53	46	30
Carlisle	28	10	9	9	65	39	29
New Brighton	30	9	9	12	31	45	27
Darlington	29	9	8	12	45	52	26
Accrington	30	10	6	14	54	45	26
Barrow	27	9	7	11	31	31	25
Chester	30	11	3	16	50	58	25
Hartlepool	29	10	5	14	39	50	25
Halifax	30	10	5	15	44	60	25
Wrexham	30	9	6	15	31	56	24
York	29	8	8	13	39	40	24
Bradford C	30	8	7	15	40	57	23

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "A"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Hibernians	22	17	3	2	68	23	37
Rangers	21	16	3	2	48	20	35
Hearts	23	15	2	6	41	20	32
Dundee	22	11	6	5	39	24	28
Celtic	24	11	6	7	40	42	28
East Fife	21	10	5	6	41	27	25
St. Mirren	24	8	8	8	41	37	24
Motherwell	24	8	5	11	39	46	21
Aberdeen	23	8	4	11	35	38	20
Raith	24	8	7	11	35	48	19
Falkirk	23	5	9	9	28	38	19
Partick	22	8	3	11	32	39	19
Clyde	23	7	2	14	33	59	16
Queen of S	23	5	5	13	25	45	15
Third Lanark	23	6	2	15	23	51	14
Stirling	23	5	3	14	26	50	13

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Morton	24	17	5	2	64	28	39
Airdrie	23	14	4	5	61	33	32
Kilmarnock	23	12	3	7	57	33	29
St. Johnson	23	12	4	7	50	42	28
Hamilton	24	11	5	8	45	39	27
Forfar	24	10	6	8	43	43	26
Dunfermline	21	10	4	7	40	37	24
Dundee U	23	10	4	9	55	47	24
Cowdenbeath	22	11	2	9	41	41	24
Queen's P	19	9	4	6	44	33	22
Albion R	24	7	6	11	35	49	20
Stenhousemuir	22	8	7	10	37	46	17
Ayr U	24	6	5	13	39	61	17
Arbroath	24	5	5	14	37	57	15
Dumbarton	24	6	3	15	35	52	15
Alloa	24	4	3	17	37	76	11

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, February 18.

The following were the results of football matches played today:—

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	1	Derby	0
Villa	2	Huddersfield	1
Bolton	1	Birmingham	0
Burnley	1	Chelsea	2
Charlton	2	Everton	0
Fulham	1	Blackpool	0
Liverpool	2	West Brom	1
Manchester C.	0	Middlesbro	1
Stoke City	1	Newcastle	0
Sunderland	2	Manchester U.	2
Wolves	1	Portsmouth	0

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford	1	Tottenham	3
Chesterfield	0	Cardiff	1
Grimsby	1	Hull	0
Leeds	2	Luton	1
Leicester	0	Bury	1
Plymouth	0	Blackburn	0
Preston N. E.	2	West Ham	1
Queen's P. R.	1	Sheffield U.	3
Sheffield W.	3	Brentford	3
Southampton	1	Coventry	1
Swansea	4	Barnsley	0

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington	0	York	0
Carlisle	2	Crewe	2
Darlington	1	Stockport	1
Gateshead	2	Lincoln	1
Halifax	2	Chester	1
Hartlepools	1	Doncaster	1
Mansfield	1	Tranmere	1
N. Brighton	1	Southport	0
Rochdale	2	Bradford	2
Rotherham	1	Barrow	2
Wrexham	2	Oldham	1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Brighton	1	Walsall	1
Bristol C.	2	Millwall	1
Palace	1	Bournemouth	0
Exeter	3	Port Vale	1
Orient	1	Notts C.	4
Newport	1	Swindon	2
Northampton	1	Aldershot	1
Norwich	3	Torquay	3
Notts F.	2	Ipswich	0
Reading	5	Southend	0
Watford	0	Bristol R.	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Celtic	2	Stirling	1
East Fife	4	Clyde	1
Falkirk	1	Hearts	1
Hibernian	6	Motherwell	1
Partick This.	0	Aberdeen	2
St. Mirren	1	Rangers	2
Third Lanark	0	Raith Rovers	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

Airdrieonians	6	Arbroath	1
Alloa Athl.	4	Cowdenbeath	2
Dumbarton	0	Albion Roy.	3
Dunfermline	3	Morton	2
Forfar Ath	0	Dundee U.	3
Hamilton	2	Ayr United	1
Kilmarnock	3	Stenhousemuir	2

—Reuter.

India score 185 for five in fifth unofficial Test

Madras, February 18.

India had scored 185 for five wickets by close of play on the second day of the fifth unofficial Test match against the Commonwealth touring team who were all out for 324.

The Commonwealth's remaining two first innings wickets had added 34 to their overnight score of 290. Worrell added 12 runs to his overnight score of 149 before being caught behind the wicket off Hazare.

India were soon in difficulties, three wickets falling for 50 runs before lunch. Then Hazare and Phadkar retrieved the position by adding 104 runs for the fourth wicket in two and a quarter hours.

Just before tea Hazare half-heartedly drove Worrell and gave the bowler an easy return catch. He hit 11 fours in his 77 which occupied a little more than two and a half hours.

Phadkar followed in the next over when he was bowled by Fitzmaurice after making 40.

Scores:

Commonwealth 1st Innings

Oldfield, c Adhikari, b Modi	8
Llyingston, c Joshi, b Phadkar	0
Holt, c Umrigar, b Phadkar	29
Worrell, b Hazare	161
Alloy, run out	48
Freer, st. Joshi, b Mankad	5
Smith, b Chowhury	7
Tribe, b Hazare	11
Lambert, b Phadkar	1
Fitz Maurice, not out	40
Dawkes, c Umrigar, b Phadkar	7
Extras	7
Total	324

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Phadkar	20.5	2	69	4
Hazare	12	2	27	2
Modi	2	0	8	1
Chowdhury	22	1	80	1
Nayudu	13	0	76	0
Mankad	15	3	37	1

Byes 6, Leg-byes 1.

India 1st Innings

Muhtaq-Ali, lbw Tribe	10
V. Mankad, b Fitzmaurice	15
R.S. Modi, b Lambert	11
V. Hazare, c and b Worrell	77
Phadkar, b Fitzmaurice	40
Adhikari, not out	19
G. Kishenchand, not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for five wkts.)	185

Bowling Analysis (to date)

	O	M	R	W
Lambert	14	3	33	1
Fitzmaurice	11	4	32	2
Freer	4	1	15	0
Tribe	20	1	58	1
Smith	14	4	21	0
Worrell	15	5	21	1

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Newport 21, Bath 8; Northampton 5, Coventry 12; Neath 9, West Wales Rugby Union 11.

Oxford University 13, Old Merchant Taylors 19; Penarth 10, Cross Keys 3; Plymouth Albion 18, Newton Abbot 3; Pontypool 18, Blaenavon 0; Torquay Athletic 3, Brighton 0; United Services Portsmouth 6, Old Blues 12; Waterlook 6, Llanelly 20; Edinburgh Academicals 0, Heriot's Former Pupils 8; Edinburgh Wanderers 13, Glasgow Academicals 3; Watsonians 5, Stewart's Former Pupils 12; Old Cranleighans 5, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst 5; Saracens 16, Old Millhillians 8; Streatham 14, Old Dunstonians 8.

Rugby league

Barrow 21, Rochdale Hornets 7; Batley 5, Wakefield Trinity 13; Bella Vue Rangers 2, Leigh 4; Bradford Northern 14, Hunslet 8; Featherstone Rovers 13, Bramley 5; Huddersfield 39, Hull 8; Hull Kingston Rovers 12, Halifax 0; Keighley 16, Castleford 0; Leeds 17, Dewsbury 3; Oldham 17, Whitehaven 3; Swinton 11, St. Helen's 8; Warrington 11, Salford 7; Wigan 55, Liverpool Stanley 0; York 2, Widnes 15.—Reuter.

Griqualand West Avoid follow-on

Kimberley, February 18.

A spirited seventh wicket stand of 141 by C. Helfrich and L. McNamara enabled Griqualand West to avoid following on against the Australian cricket tourists here today.

Replying to the Australian total of 355 for nine declared, Griqualand were 79 for six at one stage today but when bad light ended play 35 minutes before stumps were due to be drawn, they had scored 247 for eight.

The home side started badly when they resumed this morning. Three wickets fell in 12 minutes and when Helfrich and McNamara came together 127 runs were still required to avoid the follow on.

They added 141 in two hours and 38 minutes—the best stand against the tourists so far.

Helfrich batted for three hours and 27 minutes, hitting seven fours, for his 77 and McNamara, who was undefeated at the close with 75, hit nine fours in three hours and 18 minutes.

Scores:

Australians: First Innings, 355 for 9 declared.

Griqualand West, First Innings.

Dunn b Bill Johnston	7
Buckley c Archer b Bill Johnston	7
Cartwright c McCool b Bill Johnston	21
Van Der Westhuizen b McCool	12
R. Helfrich b Bill Johnston	4
C. Helfrich b Noblet	77
Monally b Noblet	12
McNamara not out	75
Oats lbw b Loxton	0
Waddington not out	13
Extras	19
Total (for eight wkts)	247

Bowling Analysis (to date)

	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	8	0	17	0
Walker	10	1	36	0
McCool	18	5	68	1
Bill Johnston	20.3	0	35	4
Noblet	16	0	44	2
Morris	4	0	18	0
Harvey	1	0	1	0
Loxton	6	1	9	1

—Reuter.

Australians Ahead of Auckland

Auckland, February 18.

The Australian cricket team touring New Zealand were 234 runs ahead of Auckland with all their second innings wickets intact at the close of the second day's play here. The match ends on Monday.

The Australians, who scored 303 in their first innings, dismissed Auckland for 183. When stumps were drawn they had made 144 without loss in their second knock.

Ken Meuleman was 61 and Jimy Burke 47.

Auckland were never happy against the Australians' spin attack, their top scorer being Cleal, with 45. Johnson took three wickets for 37 and Ring three for 67.—Reuter.

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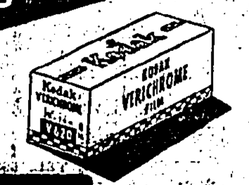

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February 20th, 1950.

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G.B.S. THOMSON.
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Februhry 14, 1950.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, will be held at its Registered Offices, Telephone House, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1950, at 12.15 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at noon on that date shall have been concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the subjoined Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

(1) "That the Authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of H.K.$5,000,000.00 divided into 500,000 shares of H.K.$10.00 each (of which 300,000 shares have been issued) to H.K.$10,000,000.00 by the creation of 500,000 additional shares of the nominal value of H.K.$10.00 each and that the unissued shares of the Company's Capital and such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

If the foregoing Resolution is passed—

(2) "That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of H.K.$3,000,000.00, being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and accordingly that a special Capital Bonus of H.K.$3,000,000.00 be declared and that such Bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 27th February, 1950, were the holders of the 300,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 300,000 shares of the Company of H.K.$10.00 each and that such 300,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons in the proportion of one such share for every one of the said 300,000 shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the Capital of the Company held by each such Shareholder and not as income and that such shares shall rank for Dividend from the 1st January, 1950."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. S. C. NEEL,
General Manager & Secretary.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1950.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 14th March, 1950, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 28th February, 1950, to Tuesday, the 14th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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The fact that almost a certain prediction can be made of the outcome of the tournament demonstrates the sorry state of our tennis standard. Something must be done to narrow the gap that exists between our top-ranking and medium-ranking players. A singles League will probably be one of the answers.

For years, the Colony Open tournaments have been limited to only local players, because of the protracted period required for their completion.

To break through that standstill of standard in which such players as Ip now is and to give tennis Championships in the colony a greater stimulus and interest among its followers, it is wondered if it would not be a good idea for the Tennis Association to hold its Open Tournaments some time during the Easter Holidays, and try to complete it within as short a time as possible, so that outstanding players from the neighbouring countries such as Malaya, the Phillipines, Saigon and even India may be invited.

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Today's games

Court 1: J. V. Sellors v C. Y. Wong.

Court 2: F. R. Simmern v Patrick Poon.

Court 3: George Lin v Eddie Chan.

Court 4: Lee Wai-tong v T. E Baker.

Court 5: R. Y. K. Ng v Edwin Tsai.

Court 6: Tsui Yun-pui v Benzin Saw.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

The Ordinary General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hongkong, at 5 p.m., on Monday, February 20th, 1950.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
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Hongkong, Feb. 16th, 1950.

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Through Tickets (10 Races—$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Compradors Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3— including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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	S 10 7 H 10 D A Q 7 5 3 C K 10 8 6 2	
S Q 6 H Q J 7 2 D J 4 2 C Q 5 4 3	N W E S	S A J 9 4 3 H K 9 8 4 3 D 9 C A 7
	S K 8 5 2 H A 6 5 D K 10 8 6 C J 9	

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable, East-West 60 part-score).

East	South	West	North
1 S	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 H			

Mr. Blackwood explains that "Partial scores not only drive your opponents into sometimes very disastrous contracts; after several bad sets the enemy's morale is often lowered to the extent that they will tighten up, missing profitable partials and even games of their own." That was the case with this deal. North, having taken it on the chin, just previously, did not relish the possibility of another 500 set or worse. So, on a hand which he should have bid, North passed and let his opponents run away with the game.

With the favourable location of the black suit honours, North could have made 5-Diamonds and might have if he had entered the bidding arena at all.

Mr. Blackwood, whose book is published by Droke House of Indianapolis, has an interesting way of presenting national but typical characters as holders of his instructive hands. Mrs. Keen, Mr. Abel, Mr. Muzzy, Mr. Masters, Mr. Champion and Miss Brash are readily compared to some of your own friends. Then there is Mr. Dale, distinguished for ability to "win money and influence partners," who gets good results from observing the humanics wisely. Of course Mr. Blackwood also explains his slam convention authoritatively, the first time his own thorough explanation and illustration of it has been put into print.

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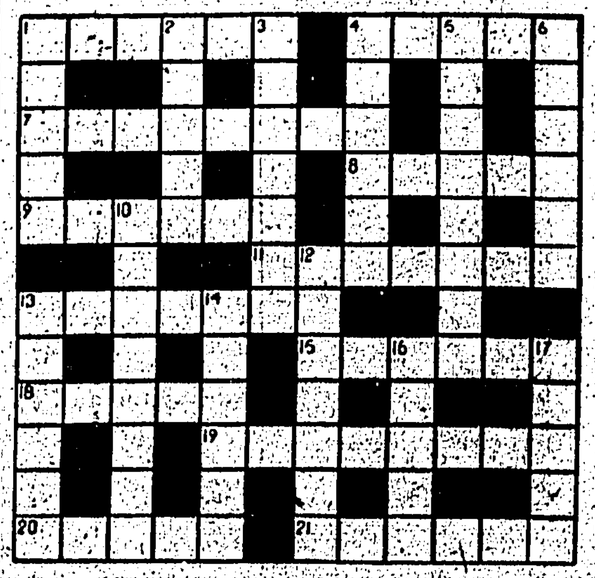
Tomorrow's Problem

	S K 6 H A Q 10 5 3 D A K 6 4 C J 6	
S J 7 5 2 H 7 6 2 D Q J 9 7 2 C 7	N W E S	S 9 3 H K J 8 4 D 10 8 5 3 C K 8 4
	S A Q 10 8 4 H 9 D None C A Q 10 9 6 3 2	

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable).

Why should South bid only 2-Clubs, after North opens this deal with 1-Heart?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Crib. 4 Machinery. 7 Complete. 8 Colour. 9 Nap. 11 Anguish. 13 Awry. 15 Cleaning cloth. 16 Skilled. 19 Abstaining. 20 Applaud. 21 Score.

Down

1 Form. 2 Scum. 3 Rival. 4 Promote. 5 Munitions. 6 Special aptitude. 10 Fame. 12 Scrap. 13 Calamitous. 14 Walk feebly. 16 Push. 17 Recover.

Friday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Opal, 4 Mirage, 9 Eton, 9 Writ, 10 Orifice, 11 Hero, 12 Coma, 14 Satchel, 17 Adult, 19 Avert, 22 Treason, 26 Alps, 27 Tall, 29 Starchy, 32 Iron, 30 Eels, 31 Forlorn, 33 Eats.

DOWN:—2 Period, 3 Lethal, 4 Moors, 5 Inroad, 6 Attic, 7 Evoke, 8 Cast, 15 Mutes, 16 Heal, 18 Lots, 18 Wether, 20 Valise, 21 Regret, 23 Ratio, 24 April, 25 Dress.

HOPE OF EARLY JAPANESE PEACE TREATY FADING

Germany's report a failure

Frankfurt, February 18.

The economic advisers of the Allied High Commission described West Germany's report on her economic policy, sent to the Organisation of European Economic Co-Operation in Paris, as an admission of total failure, according to usually well-informed sources here.

The advisers said that the German report did not show the least concern about maintaining tolerable equilibrium in Germany during the European Recovery Programme.

The advisers' memorandum mainly attacked the German Government for its attitude towards unemployment, which by mid-February had reached 2,016,000, its investment policy and its export policy.

It said that the Government must find a solution which was not based on the hypothesis of increased foreign aid, which was highly unlikely.

It urged the Government to produce a programme to increase exports sufficiently to cover German import needs.

The memorandum said that news of the German proposals gave proof that German economic policy was making a special effort to promote exports.

Accusing the West German Government of abnormal waste of foreign aid funds by excessive consumption, the memorandum said that present stocks in Germany permitted an ample investment programme provided the German Government took measures to stop present wastage.—Reuter.

Tokyo, February 19.

Hope of a Japanese peace treaty in the near future, so high only two months ago, is fading.

Hyper-sensitive to all winds from Washington, the Japanese today fear that opinion in the American capital is hardening against holding a peace conference and drawing up a formal settlement.

General Douglas MacArthur told the Japanese in his New Year message: "I have given you a de facto peace."

He himself would like to set seal to that peace, but, the Japanese believe, Washington has become increasingly wary of the pitfalls likely to be encountered in doing so.

The United States failure to produce the promised draft, for consideration by Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meeting at Colombo, of what it considers to be the minimum political and military requirements in Japan is regarded here as a significant indication of this new attitude.

No move towards convening a peace conference is now possible until least after the question of Chinese representation is decided. Some nations interested in the Japanese situation have already recognised Communist China while others maintain relations with the Nationalists.

General MacArthur is reported to be still hopeful that a peace treaty will eventually be negotiated; but, according to usually well informed circles here, even he now believes it will not be in 1950.

The Defence and State Departments may ultimately agree that the United States has more to gain from a de facto peace, despite the absence of some of the legal niceties, than from a settlement drawn up without Russia, and presumably also without China.

Inconclusive peace

Such a settlement would have to pass what might be the annoying scrutiny of small countries like Australia and the Philippines. In addition, it would be inconclusive, leaving Japan still technically at war with Russia and in a much stronger position to bargain her way out of what she might soon consider the distasteful role of being America's first line of defence.

Thus, usually well informed circles here believe that the United States authorities may come to the conclusion that if she wants Japan to remain in her armed camp, the best way to keep her there would be to maintain the present occupation, though possibly in modified form.

On the other hand, some circles here think that withdrawal of United States forces to Okinawa might be sufficient to ensure Japan's continued "neutrality" without major commitments.

United States policy in the Pacific is still fluid, as the Taiwan controversy tends to show.

Whatever happens, General MacArthur will undoubtedly continue his plan to return Japan to normal. The third year of the occupation, 1948, marked what was believed to be the fulfilment of major occupation objectives. They included the demobilisation of the Japanese armed forces, the demilitarisation of the country, the trial and execution of major war criminals, reorganisation of the police force and education services, the purge from public office of all imperialists the disbandment of the Zaibatsu, the stripping of the Emperor's divinity and the emergence of a new constitution making the Diet directly responsible to the people as the highest organ of state power.

But this, one of the greatest national experiments of the half century—General MacArthur's attempt to "democratise" a feudal oriental country—began to peter out in 1949.

Success or failure

Whether, ultimately, history will record success or failure for this experiment remains to be seen. General MacArthur himself does not claim to have thoroughly "democratised" the Japanese. But, he tells visitors, "a lot we have tried to teach them will stick. Above all they now know something of the rights of the individual....the dignity of man."

In the first three years of the occupation were marked by intense effort to "democratise" Japan, 1949 was remarkable for the sweeping relaxations introduced.

Most observers here believe that the Occupation largely ended when Military Government teams were withdrawn from prefectures on December 1. Since then, no close check has been possible on how the Japanese outside the big cities are behaving, acting or responding to earlier democratisation and other edicts.

Just as important was the United States decision in May to end reparations. Washington dispatches reporting the decision brought special editions of the newspapers on to the streets of Tokyo and joy to the heart of every Japanese, from business tycoon to the shabby street sweeper, still working in the tattered remants of his army uniform.

Given her industry, Japan could still work—and hope.

Finally, General MacArthur made crystal clear the course on which he had embarked, no doubt at Washington's instructions, in his announcement on September 23.

Henceforth, fraternisation was to be permitted if not encouraged between United States Occupation forces and the Japanese. General MacArthur stated that his purpose was to establish the same relationship between Occupation personnel and the Japanese population as existed between troops stationed in the United States and the American people.

About the same time, Lieutenant-General Walton Walker, Commander of the United States Eighth Army, had told his men in a broadcast that they had ceased to be an army of occupation and had become a protecting force.

Flag permitted

In 1949, the Japanese were again permitted to fly their national flag—the Rising Sun. Allied guards were withdrawn from Emperor Hirohito's palace in Tokyo. Japanese police replaced United States "Snowdrops" (Military Police) in charge of traffic at busy intersections.

Shortly after, the Japanese police blossomed out in new Sam Brown belts carrying hard-hitting American 45 calibre revolvers.

United States observers were withdrawn from Japanese tankers running to the Persian Gulf, restrictions were lifted from the tonnage and speed of permissible shipping construction and the first refitted Japanese cargo vessel carrying Japanese produce sailed for a foreign port.

Commercially, General MacArthur's policy followed a similar course. Japanese stock exchanges were allowed to reopen. The first Japanese businessmen were permitted to go abroad to those countries which would admit them.

Japanese, under the supervision of the Allied Occupation authorities, resumed control of their export, imports and foreign exchange. Numerous bilateral trade agreements were concluded and Japan's exports climbed to nearly 600,000,000 dollars for the year.

Major problems still confront General MacArthur.

First, there is the shipping question. Japan must rebuild her merchant fleet if she is to become again a self-supporting country. General MacArthur has announced an aid programme for new building and conversion but this is encountering bitter opposition from shipping pressure groups in the United States.

Then there is the question of semi-diplomatic relations. Many countries, including Australia, will refuse to accept Japanese trade or diplomatic representatives in the absence of a peace treaty.

Finally, there are the many complex financial problems, such as the freeing of foreign exchange, which is essential if Japan is to maximise her trade as quickly as possible. Indeed, accompanying the de facto peace are still many unsolved "de facto" problems.—Reuter.

Warsaw restrictions

Warsaw, February 18.

United States air, army and naval attaches in Poland may no longer leave Warsaw without permission from the Polish authorities, it was announced tonight.

It was understood that these new regulations apply only to United States attaches.

They must now give three days' notice when they want to leave the capital, together with details of the route and duration of their trip.

They are forbidden direct contact, whether by telephone or letter, with any Polish army institution.

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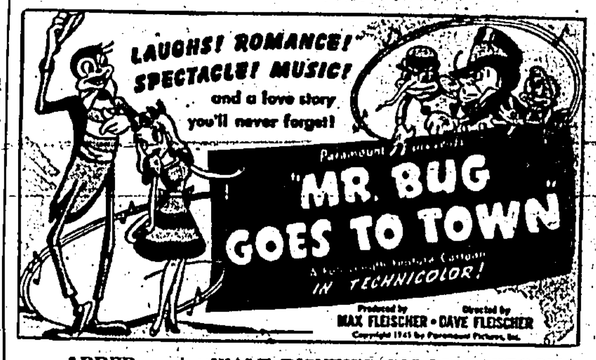

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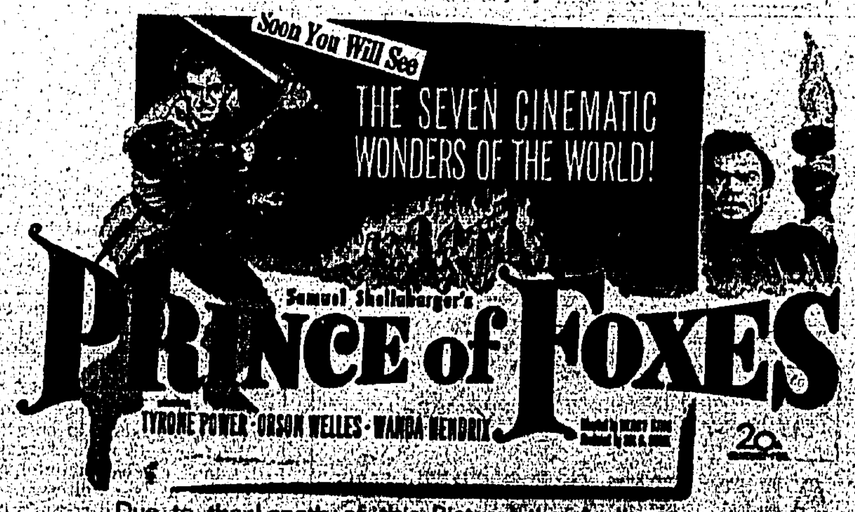

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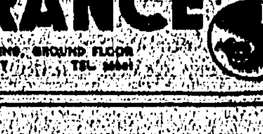

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THE MARCH OF TIME

Tomorrow is one of the propaganda days decreed by the Kremlin. It is dedicated to the "struggle against Colonialism"—the struggle, in other words, to bring them under the Kremlin and Communism. Peking has already joined in the chorus, and includes India among the downtrodden peoples still striving for "national independence." Men look in vain for a paradise on this earth. They certainly cannot find it in any Communist State, nor would they hope to find it in a Colony. Nevertheless, the change that has come over Colonial policy and administration is one of the most remarkable consequences of the last war. Progress in Africa in particular has been in many respects astounding.

A mission of the United Nations Trusteeship Council has just paid a visit to that part of the Cameroons under British administration. Its report was issued a few days ago, and is described by papers in England as a fascinating document, and one of the highest testimonies ever produced to the excellence of the aims of the Colonial Administration. It was particularly gratifying in view of some of the nonsense talked by Iron Curtain representatives on the Council. The Mission consisted of delegates from Iraq, Belgium, Mexico, and the United States. It describes in an extremely vivid manner how they travelled hundreds of miles through the Cameroons and saw all kinds of people. The mission was welcomed by large sections of the population, who presented to it their petitions and grievances, and who displayed complete freedom of speech. The report emphasised that everywhere the mission went, it found evidence of this. Whether in public meetings or in private interviews, the people expressed themselves with the utmost freedom, many times in the presence of members of the administration.

Freedom of speech, prized most by those who have lost it, is only a means to an end, however. What is being done for the general welfare of these peoples, many of whom are among the most primitive on the earth? The pioneering period in Africa came to an end with the first world war. By then, tribal wars and the like had gone and the rule of law been established. The nucleus of social services—public health, education, and the rest—had been provided. Birth rates went up and mortality declined. Populations grew with astonishing rapidity. Ports were built and enlarged, and railways extended. Remote regions were opened up by postal, telegraphic and telephone facilities and by motor-roads.

Between the two wars progress continued apace. Scientific research, tropical medicine and hygiene, new and better methods of agriculture, animal husbandry, afforestation and the like were developed. Next came maternal and child welfare clinics and inspection centres, probation service, control of juvenile delinquency, youth clubs, hostels—many things unheard of a generation before. Village councils were promoted, and elected municipal councils in the cities and large towns, who raise substantial revenues by rates and local taxation for water supplies, electricity, sewerage, transport, street cleaning and lighting, traffic control, fire brigades, and, in fact the whole range of major municipal services in a present-day urban community.

Labour continues more and more closely to organise itself in trade unions, which have been able to secure improvements in the wages and conditions of their members, with corresponding benefit to the authority, responsibility, and prestige of the unions themselves. Trade unionism in the colonies is still suffering from growing pains. It would be a bad day for the Colonies and the working people in them if trade unionism became deflected from its main purpose to purely political channels, but on the whole the growth is healthy and the outlook not discouraging. Colonial Governments have set up their Labour Departments, staffed by trained officials, whose work covers the whole field of labour welfare and industrial relations.

Primary education is being extended on a big scale, and there is an intense demand for it. Illiteracy is still widespread and the task of meeting the demands for education is formidable, even in elementary schooling, but it is being tackled.

Paternalistic administration is now obsolete, and nationalistic self-consciousness is growing apace. Most of the Colonies are desperately poor, and political independence and economic dependence, as Sir John Shaw has pointed out, cannot go hand in hand. It is only a hundred years or so since slavery was abolished. There is still far to go, but the pace in the last two decades has been relatively swift, even in "darkest Africa."

I DON'T WANT MY SON TO LEARN BOXING

By Pat Reekie

I am a renegade. Up to a short while ago I honestly believed that every boy should learn to box. Makes a man of him, you know!

Now I don't want my son ever to learn boxing. He might grow to like it. Let him become a man in other ways—break a few ribs like his father playing Rugger, for instance. But boxing, no. I am afraid lest boxing makes a numskill of him.

Injures brain

If a few professionals, knowing the risks but willing to take them in a bid for glittering prizes, want to box, let them, but in my view boxing should be cut out of the curriculum at all educational establishments.

It is a waste of time educating a mind and then presenting it—the educated part of it particularly—to injury in the boxing ring.

Recent discoveries prove that boxing, even amateur and schoolboy boxing, can cause, and does cause, appalling injury to the brain and in particular that part of the brain—the frontal lobes—with which a person thinks and which distinguishes man from animal.

I was quite a young man, 19, when I met my first case of punch-drunkenness. I was sent to interview a famous ex-British champion, a man whom only a few years before I had heroworshipped.

I came away from that interview feeling very sick. The "champ" was still a fine specimen of manhood physically, but he was mentally vacant. That is the best way to describe him. His eyes were staring. He was unable to answer the simplest questions without a long pause for thought while what he had been asked sank in and he groped around to formulate an answer.

I have met many punch-drunks since; even seen them among amateur fighters. They are the wrecks of the ring. Some are blind—most wear glasses; some are incapable of forming any judgment or making any decision of their own.

How it happens

Much work in the study of punch-drunkenness has been carried out in the past two years in America. In the United States Naval Hospital in Bethesda a series of laboratory tests have proved that, the brain being loose inside the skull, a blow to any part of the head causes it to bounce backwards and forwards and bang against the bone containing walls.

This discovery is revealed in a recent article in the American magazine "Look" by Doctor Arthur H. Steinhaus, a Chicago professor of physiology, who has spent 25 years in the special study of the body-building and body-destroying aspects of physical exercise and sport.

In his article Doctor Steinhaus goes on to describe how another Chicago doctor, Ward C. Halstead, of the University of Chicago, examined 147 cases of brain injury in which no trace of the injury was visible outside the skull.

Doctor Halstead proved that most of the bruising from a head blow occurs in what are known as the brain's frontal lobes. Along the smooth back and side walls of the skull little harm may be done, but up in front the brain rests against a sharp, bony surface known as the sphenoidal ridge.

It is this bony ridge which causes the soverest injuries. The brain, bounced forward by a blow, crashes into it, and the delicate frontal lobe brain tissues are destroyed. The destruction of brain tissues is permanent. They do not heal.

As I have said, it is the frontal lobes in which that which distinguishes man from animal is centred Damaged tissues here mean impairment of thinking power, lack of judgment, and emotional instability, lack of self-control.

None escapes

On July 10, 1935, Hilda Meek, a 19-year-old waitress, was shot dead by her boy friend Raymond Bousquet (Del Fontaine), a French-Canadian boxer.

The defence at Bousquet's trial was insanity. Evidence was given that he complained of double vision, sleeplessness, unstable walk, and depression.

The insanity plea failed. Bousquet was found guilty and hanged, but there can be no doubt that he was yet another victim of punchdrunkenness.

While sentence was passed on him he stood erect in the dock holding tightly a photograph of the girl he had murdered.

In the strictly legal sense he was not insane, but his self-control, when faced with suspicions about his girl friend, had gone.

With a badly injured brain a man degenerates. At best he is capable of only a routine mechanical job, which requires no initiative, no special judgment, no making of quick decisions. At worst he is fit only for an asylum.

Save my lad from that!

Remember, even light blows can cause brain injuries. Schoolboys have died as a result of boxing injuries. There is one authenticated case of how a properly supervised bout between two six-year-olds resulted in one lad being mentally maimed for life.

On March 10, 1949, Andre Le Floch, a 19-year-old French boxer, met the then British feather-weight champion, Peter Brander, in a London amateur bout.

In the third round the referee stopped the fight when, after receiving a punch to the chin and another to the side of the head, Le Floch went down on one knee, not apparently badly hurt, but "reluctant to continue."

Immediately after the fight Le Floch seemed perfectly all right, but he collapsed after receiving his prize and died two days later.

Inquest verdict: Accidental death, following a blow on the head . . . .

Injuries occur even in sparring. It was a blow received in training that put Gene Tunney conqueror of Dempsey, out on his feet for 24 hours, and which caused him, the world champion, to announce he would never fight again.

No fighter escapes brain injury entirely, Dr. Steinhaus claims.

Maybe the injury is so slight that thinking power is not impaired, or apparently so, but the risks are appalling.

It is only when the boxer has been seriously injured that he shows the obvious signs, but how many lads, I wonder, have had their mental development retarded by unknown and unsuspected brain injuries?

Australia fears the Japs

By RICHARD HUGHES

Japan hopes, with United Nations approval, to move five million migrants into empty South Pacific lands during the first five years after any peace treaty is signed.

In addition, her leaders propose boldly to use Japan's ever-soaring birth-rate as an economic weapon on the world's markets.

These aims are thinly masked in the long-awaited report submitted by the Japanese Population Council to the Prime Minister, Yoshida.

Following five months' deliberation, the Council of hand-picked experts has at last presented a series of recommendations for absorbing Japan's bursting population, which was 66,000,000 in 1930-34, 72,000,000 at the end of the war and 80,000,000 at the end of last year, and will be 105,000,000 in 20 years.

After perfunctorily endorsing birth control, the Council suggests that other courses open to Japan are:—

1. Recovery of Japan's international trade.

2. Promotion of secondary or urban industries.

3. Training of "industrious and peaceful migrants."

These bland recommendations screen intensive undercover research and organisation by the Population Council, astute encouragement of ill-assorted allies and patient preparation for a "spontaneous" international demand for "readjustment of world space and world population" once Japan has re-entered world affairs.

The areas which Japan has specially marked down for migration are:

Borneo, New Guinea (beginning with Dutch New Guinea), Celebes, Halmahera and Ceram.

By a strange combination of circumstances, the Japanese can depend on varying degrees of open or covert help for their migration proposals from the following curious allies:—

A strong so-called "migration bloc" among MacArthur's advisers, who believe that migration is the simplest solution for Japan's greatest problem (and one of whom privately suggested the target of five million migrants in five years).

The Roman Catholic Church, because of its implacable opposition to birth control.

The Japanese Communist Party, which realises as clearly as do the old-style Japanese Conservatives on the Population Council that excess hungry population can equip Japan with its sharpest and most persuasive nationalistic weapon.

An influential section of British business leaders in the Far East (especially in Hong Kong), who wish to settle "approved" Japanese in North Borneo in order to make the colony self-supporting in rice production.

Leftist elements in Indonesia, who, like the Japanese Communist Party, can foresee ideological advantages in raising and inflaming the question of "selfish white exclusion of coloured workers from undeveloped tropical lands."

Alien Idea

Japan's leaders ignore the fact that there is immediate room for six million pioneers in Hokkaido, the beautiful but cold and unsettled Northernmost island of the Japanese homeland.

They recognise that birth control is a strange, alien idea in Japan, and that any central government could easily stifle public interest in its widespread adoption. And, anyway, they don't want to check Japan's population growth.

That is the central point on which all Japanese parties from Prime Minister Yoshida's reactionaries to Sanzo Nosaka's Communists, are in firm nationalistic agreement.

Members of the Japanese Population Council believe further, that in any United Nations discussion on migration they could count, not only on the help of Asiatic nations like China, India and Indonesia, but also on traditionally friendly South American countries like Brazil and Argentina, which have already declared willingness to welcome "industrious and peaceful Japanese migrants."

"Dutch New Guinea, populated now by 200,000 natives, could support at least 20 million Japanese," says a private appendix to the Population Council's report.

"Japanese pioneers, who successfully operated cotton and hemp concessions on the North coast of Dutch New Guinea, know that untapped natural resources could yield rich supplies of high-grade lumber, resin and processed forestry products."

Japan's irrepressible birth rate consequently becomes at once a challenge to White Australian fears of an Asiatic population spill-over into the South and a threat to Western high-wage tariffs against Japanese sweated trade competition.

....."If we cannot sell our Japanese goods, how, please, can we feed our many hungry hard-working people and keep them truly democratic and peaceful?"...

General MacArthur himself has pointedly by-passed the problem of restricting or absorbing Japan's population increase.

He has, indeed, addressed himself with great vigour and success to the task of cutting down the Japanese death-rate and so spurring the bounding natural increase.

Nor has any Occupation attempt been made to end or amend the Japanese family allowance system, which ties a wage earner's income to his fecundity, awards him a pay increase with every increase in his family, and so produces the curious anomaly of an unskilled worker with a large family earning more than a skilled or semi-professional worker with a small family.

Under the pressure of United States religious criticism, MacArthur also publicly disclaimed the patient and skilful work of his chief population adviser, Dr. Warren Thompson, world authority, who urged a sustained and concentrated nation-wide campaign for birth control throughout Japan.

RED THREAT REAL, JESSUP SAYS

Madras, February 18.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, United States ambassador-at-large, told Reuter today that he thought the Communist threat to South East Asia is very real.

This was because of the powerful Communist regime on the Chinese border, he said.

Dr. Jessup, who was returning to the United States after the U.S. Far East diplomats conference in Bangkok, said the conference was "more in the nature of exchanging notes and no decision of any kind was taken."

The situation in Siam, he stated, was very peaceful and quiet. Dr. Jessup left for Colombo today for two-day talks with the Ceylonese leaders, after which he was expected to arrive in Delhi.—Reuter.

Churchill — the voice that breathes o'er Eden.

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Once the hotel boys used to say "Dirty linen?" Now all they ask is "Washington?"

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More hydro gen.

Some people think this H-bomb business will end up in a lot of hot air.

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Myrtle is not so dumb as some people try to make out, but when she first saw a French poodle she did think the moths had been at it.

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America, too, has her gloomy Deans. A couple in the State Department.

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The old factory hands can have it.

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The squire had attained his 80th birthday, and his gardener was offering respectful congratulations. "I never thought, sir," he declared, "that I should live to be working for an octogeranium."

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"My little boy is very polite," said Brown proudly. "Only the other night he pointed out an empty seat to an old lady and raced her for it."

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Myrtle's grandfather defines Communism as the opiate of the asses.

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"You're terribly extravagant," complained the husband. "If anything should happen to me, you'd probably have to beg."

"I'd get by," snapped his wife. "Look at all the experience I've had."

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A local schoolgirl says a tonsure is when a priest shaves his head instead of cutting it off.

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Follow says Myrtle really is a smashing girl. After only one date with her he was broke.

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Call for Big Three meeting repeated

ATTLEE'S REPLY

Loughton, Essex, February 18.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, said here tonight that if the United States did not have the atom bomb in large quantities there is nothing that would stand up to the advance of the Russian forces to the Channel coast of France.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

He told a Communist heckler at an Election meeting, "I should be very glad to see the armaments race ended. But I think that it would be very serious to allow Soviet Russian power to be armed while everybody else is disarmed."

Mr. Churchill again referred to his call for highest level talks with Stalin and said, "It would be a very great mistake for the Americans and the British to give up this great weapon of defence (atomic bomb) until there has been an agreement for the careful inspection in other countries to make sure that they have not got it and are not making it and until there is some general process of disarmament that will not leave us at the mercy of the enormous Russian military power."

"Have you any idea of the great size of the Russian army and of the forces of her satellites behind the Iron Curtain?" Mr. Churchill asked.

"It is gigantic—far greater than anything that could be produced by all the other powers to defend themselves.

"Have you any idea how great the Russian air force is?

"I do not commit myself to definite figures, but certainly they have far more than 25,000 aeroplanes in commission. I should not tell you what our figures are. It would be dangerous to say."

He added, "Were it not for the possession of the atom bomb by the United States in large quantities and her readiness to defend the peace of the world there is nothing that would stand up to the advance of the Russian forces to the Channel coast of France, from which they could bombard this island except, of course, their goodwill, their good faith and their genial outlook on mankind" (laughter).

Mr. Churchill then added, "Personally I hold strongly to the view that we ought to close no doors on any attempt to re-establish some understanding between the two opposing worlds which will alleviate the present difficult and dangerous condition."

With the General Election five days off, Mr. Churchill declared, "I am going to commit an indiscretion and tell you a secret. We are going to win."

But, he said, "whoever wins this Election has a very hard, severe struggle in front of them. Conditions in our country are such as to cause me more anxiety than I have ever felt in time of peace or even in time of war."

Attlee's speech

In London, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Britons in a nationwide broadcast tonight: "We are ready at all times to co-operate with Russia on equal terms in the comity of nations."

He was replying to Mr. Churchill for highest level talks with Stalin. "But co-operation must be on equal terms," Mr. Attlee said. "We cannot submit to domination. We will not change our way of life at the behest of others."

Mr. Attlee recalled his visit to Washington within a few weeks of taking office to discuss the atom bomb with President Truman and the then Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, and said: "Out of that meeting came the proposal for the international control of atomic energy.

"Had that been accepted this cloud of fear would have been lifted from the peoples, but Russia would not accept. The hydrogen bomb has even more dreadful possibilities. The machinery of the United Nations is still there ready to be used.

"We are prepared at any time to use it to the full. We are ready and eager to discuss with Russia, the United States, Canada and all other nations ways and means for dealing with this menace'.

"I can assure you that never have the relations between the members of the Commonwealth been so intimate as in these recent years. Besides meetings of ministers, we have a constant interchange of information and views between us all," Mr. Attlee said.

The Commonwealth was not a static grouping but a flexible and living organisation, constantly adapting itself to the needs of its members.

"Nothing in these years has given me greater satisfaction than that we have been able to welcome India, Pakistan and Ceylon into the fellowship", he said.

Great advance

"In the colonial empire too, we have made great political advance. The standard of life of the peoples of these countries is rising. The resources of many of these territories are being developed, not as in the past in the interest of exploiters, but in the interest of the peoples themselves and indeed of the whole world.

"The world has need of these resources and we ourselves like others, will benefit.

"I am not suggesting that the road for Britain is easy," Mr. Attlee declared. "I do not suggest that all our problems have been solved. But I do say that great progress has been made and that if we continue with the same steadiness, cheerfulness and hard work that have been displayed during these years, we can solve them."—Reuter.

Churchill's suggestion a stunt

Port Sunlight, Cheshire, February 18.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, today dubbed Winston Churchill's suggestion of a "Big Three" meeting on the atom and hydrogen bombs, as a spectacular stunt.

In an election address here he said that the Opposition leader knows that there was not a responsible statesman or politician in the Western world who did not regard that danger with grave anxiety and who would not do anything wise and useful to try to diminish the danger.

The Chancellor, who was Britain's wartime Ambassador to Moscow, added, "There are quite a lot of people in the world besides Mr. Churchill who have some knowledge of the Russians and of their outlook and politics. Most of them take the view that the worst way to try and solve world problems is by spectacular stunts."

"We have had too many of them in the past with tragic consequences to the ordinary people. They only play into the hands of the Russians and their satellites.

Nothing so fatal

"Nothing is so fatal in international relations as high-level meetings without adequate preparation and without some degree of preliminary agreement," he said.

There were ample opportunities for meetings between serious-minded Russians and others if desired—as certainly Britain passionately desired—to explore the possibilities further as to the control of the atom bomb.

It would be most tragic folly for any country to give up the struggle to reach some international agreement.

"We are carrying on that struggle to achieve agreement. It will certainly be no help to those endeavours to make the further safety of the world a Conservative political stunt in an election here."

He was, Sir Stafford said, very glad that Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Churchill's wartime Foreign Secretary, had not attempted any such thing."

Sir Stafford also contested Mr. Churchill's suggestion in a broadcast last night that Conservatism was a stronger barrier to Communism than Social Democracy.—Reuter.

FLOOD WATERS IN U.S. STATES

New York: February 18.

Flood waters in three American states today threatened to swell the number of people already homeless.

East-Central Louisiana, South Western Mississippi and Arkansas were the hardest hit areas. Some 35,000 people have already been evacuated from their homes. Millions of acres of land are under water.—Reuter.

MAO, CHOU LEAVE FOR PEKING

Moscow, February 18.

Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist chief, and his Premier - Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, left Moscow by rail yesterday.

Mao had been here since December 12.

They were seen off at the Yaroslavl rail station by the Soviet Vice Premiers, V.M. Molotov, A.I. Mikoyan, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, his deputy, Andrei Gromyko, and others.

In his farewell at the station, Mao said his government is using the Soviet Union as its example in the construction of a new China. He said the 30-year Soviet-Chinese mutual aid treaty signed with other agreements last Tuesday had made "solidarity between the great Chinese and Soviet people...permanent, indestructible and firm."

Mao and Chou are being accompanied to the Soviet border by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, A.I. Lavrentiev, and F. Molochkov, head of the protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On his departure, Mao, speaking into a microphone, said:

"It is difficult to convey in words the complete mutual understanding and deep friendship which have been created on the basis of the radical interests of our great peoples of China and the Soviet Union.

"It is plain to all that the solidarity between the great Chinese and Soviet people, sealed by the treaty, is permanent, indestructible and firm. This solidarity will inevitably influence not only the flourishing of the great powers, China and the Soviet Union, but also the nature of all mankind and will lead to the victory of justice and peace throughout the world."

Mao and Chou left behind in Moscow some of the Chinese experts who came here for the negotiation of the treaty.

The weather was cold, windy and it was snowing as Mao arrived at the station, terminus of the trans-Siberian railway, which was decorated with Soviet and Chinese flags.

There have been few events since the end of the war which have made such an impression on the Soviet public as the victory of Communism in China and Mao's visit immediately after.—Associated Press.

New Russian peace move reports circulating in U.S.

Washington, February 18.

Reports of a possible new Russian peace move circulated here today, and Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the time may be near for direct atomic control talks with Moscow.

Authoritative quarters said after studying a big batch of Press dispatches from Moscow that Russia may be getting ready to suggest high-level conferences with this country on major world problems, including the control of atomic weapons.

But their first reaction was cautious. They said such overtures, in the initial stages at least, would be viewed here as a "peace offensive" intended to make political and propaganda capital for the Kremlin.

Mr. Connally took a slightly more optimistic view and broke away from the Administration line laid down by Mr. Truman and the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson, that nothing could be gained for world peace by direct negotiations with Moscow.

Senator Alexander Wiley, second ranking Republican member of Mr. Connally's committee, said Mr. Acheson should sound out the world on the idea of international conference to strengthen the United Nations and the control of atomic bombs.

"The present course of events, if it lasts unchecked, can potentially lead to disaster for the entire world because the spectre of the hydrogen and even worse bombs to come," Senator Wiley said in a letter to Mr. Acheson.

A Senate Democratic Whip, Francis Myers, suggested that the government re-examine the atomic control proposal it submitted to the United Nations several years ago and which Russia has consistently blocked. Neither the White House nor Mr. Acheson had any immediate comment on reports of impending Soviet action on the peace front.

American response would be predicated on the firm United States stand against settling bilaterally with Russia any move which affects the interests of other nations.

Peace gesture

Some high officials believe Stalin may be considering a spectacular peace gesture toward the United States. They believe that it might be in the form of a suggestion for top level talks on such subjects as atomic energy disarmament and end of the cold war.

American diplomats studied carefully a series of Moscow dispatches appearing in the "New York Times" today. These dispatches, some of which were delayed by Soviet censors, were interpreted here as reflecting Soviet interest in a new approach to problems complicating Russian relations with the United States.

The first dispatch said an important Soviet law journal had found the occasion to view with special interest at this time a statement that Stalin made to Henry Wallace two years ago. Stalin told the former Vice-President that peaceful settlements of disagreement between the USSR and USA are not only possible but are also absolutely essential in the interests of general peace.—United Press.

Twenty-nine dead in train crash

Rockville Centre, New York, February 18.

A crowded Long Island railway commuter train sped through a stop signal last night and crashed head on into another passenger train, killing 29 people and injuring 100.

Today many of the injured were in a critical condition.

It was metropolitan New York's worst railway disaster and the worst in the United States for four years.

Jacob Kiefer, $55, driver of the Eastbound train, was arrested and charged with second degree manslaughter. Driver T. W. Markin of the Westbound train was too dazed to be questioned. He was sent home suffering from shock.

The leading cars of both electric trains were torn apart by the collision. The forward car of the Eastbound train, loaded with homeward-bound theatre crowds from New York, was cut down the middle. It toppled over, spilling mangled bodies and wreckage along the siding.

The dead, dying and injured were piled five deep.

The accident took place on a makeshift siding where a temporary track has been laid pending the completion of a new crossing project.

The first car had almost cleared the one-way road when the Westbound train, coming down double tracks at the other approach to the siding, crashed into it at an angle of 15 degrees.

Kiefer is to go before Nassau County Grand Jury on February 28. It indicted and convicted, he would face a maximum penalty of from five to 10 years in prison.—Associated Press.

VIETNAMESE CELEBRATE

Singapore, February 18.

The Vietnamese today celebrated "Sino-Soviet Vietnam Friendship Day," honouring the establishment of diplomatic relations between Dr. Ho Chi-minh's "Government" in Indo-China, Russia and Communist China, according to the Vietminh official radio.

Meetings were held in all cities and villages "to publicise the historic significance of this event," the radio added.—Reuter.

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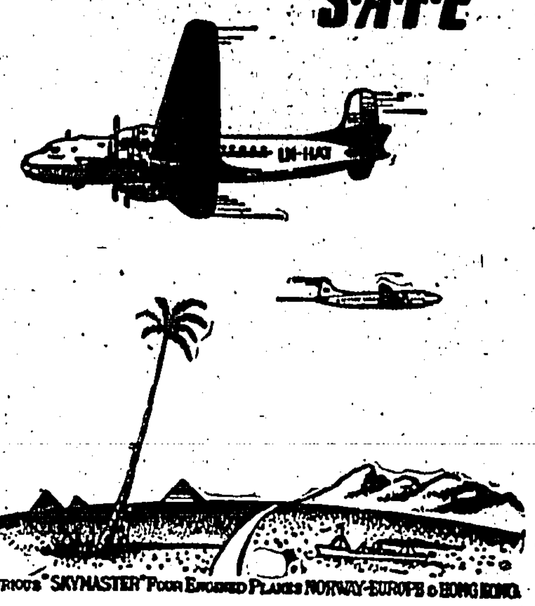

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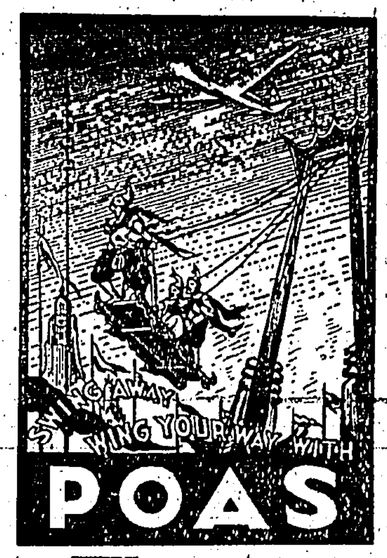

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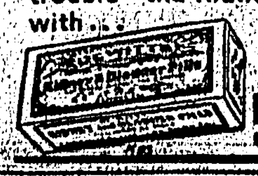

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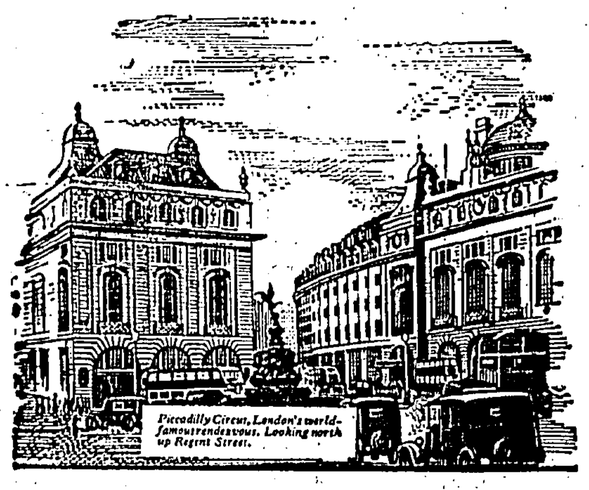

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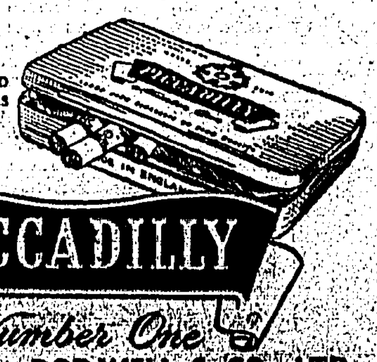

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NO WAR PROSPECTS IN NEAR EAST REGIONS, U.S. GOV'T THINKS

Washington, February 18.

Despite claims and counter claims that the Arabs and Israelis are girdling for resumption of hostilities the United States Government remains convinced that there is no imminent prospect of war in the Near East.

In fact, in the opinion of George McGhee, assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, the relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours are better today than when he shouldered the responsibility last June for all but most crucial decisions in day to day direction of United States foreign policy in the vast area extending from Burma on the East to tropical Africa on the West.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press, Mr McGhee said there was no real evidence that responsible people in this area desired to resume fighting. He conceded that there have been warlike utterances but he believes that such statements are intended primarily for internal consumption.

Mr. McGhee thinks that bellicose talk on one side engenders belligerent responses from the other and he reiterated that the State Department uncovered no evidence that a conflict was imminent. Mr McGhee promised, however, that if the United States did become convinced of the imminence of war this government would take action quickly.

Asked what line such action would follow, he said this nation would use its influence with the governments involved to preserve peace. He said the United States would also probably invoke United Nations machinery to forestall a conflict.

Complex problems

Mr. McGhee must wrestle daily with highly complex problems of diplomacy; the future status of Jerusalem, the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan and the buttressing of Iran and Turkey against Russian aggression are but a few. He said slowly and deliberately that the world could be sure that the United States government would take the most immediate action if it believes that peace is threatened in the Near East.

Asked what made him believe that the Arab-Israeli relations have improved, Mr McGhee cited the following:

1. Assurances given to the Department by the Arab and Israeli governments that they have no aggressive intentions which would result in the renewal of conflict in the Near East.
2. The development of a bilateral approach to the solution of wartime difference—an example is reported in the direct negotiations between Israel and Hashemite Jordan.
3. Acceptance of the Clapp mission and demonstrated interest in its recommendations which McGhee termed an enormous advance from the position a year ago.
4. Full observance of all armistice agreements.

All evidence in Mr McGhee's opinion points toward peace, not war.

Mr McGhee said the broad overall problem confronting the entire Near East is the overcoming of after-effects of the recent hostilities and getting along with economic development and achieving basic social and economic reforms.

Referring to the so-called "pilot" projects recommended by the Clapp mission, Mr McGhee said they point a way to large projects. He observed that many citizens in the Near East have been enchanted by big schemes which are impossible unless proper groundwork has been laid.

He said it was necessary first to disenchant those persons—to turn them from dreams to reality.

Self-help urged

Mr McGhee, who formerly co-ordinated United States aid to Greece and Turkey before assuming his present post, said it would not be feasible for the United States to go into the Near East with corps of supervising engineers and carry out grandiose schemes which have been proposed. He added however, that the people of Arab countries themselves can and must do the job, which means they must be given proper incentives which appeal to free men.

Mr McGhee was questioned specifically on several questions with particular interest to Israel and the Near East. His summarised answers to these questions were: 1. Government loan—Israel has made no further appeal for United States government assistance beyond the $100,000,000 loan already authorised by the Export Bank nor does Mr McGhee know if such an appeal for additional aid is under consideration by the Israel government.

2. Ambassador—Mr McGhee said he has no knowledge that the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mr. James McDonald, intends to relinquish his post in Tel-Aviv.

3. Jerusalem—The Department does not consider the prospect of settlement of the Jerusalem question at the current talks in Geneva beyond the realm of possibility. The Department's attitude can be best described as hopeful.

Communism—Mr McGhee foresees no significant gains for Communism in the Near East. He said there will probably always be small Communist movements there but it does not appear the population is receptive to this doctrine. In short, the Department does not consider Communism a major problem in the Near East.—United Press.

Reds winning cold war Rhee states

Tokyo, February 18.

President Syngman Rhee of Korea declared today that the Communists are winning the cold war and it is doubtful whether the democracies can settle the major world problems without an armed conflict.

The Soviet Union intends to spread out peacefully if possible, and by war if necessary," President Rhee said.

Speaking to reporters shortly before returning to Seoul after a two-day visit with General Douglas MacArthur and Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, the Korean President said he believed the democracies were losing because they keep promises while "the other fellow" never intends to keep his word.

"If the United States enters into new peace talks with Russia it would be another losing step," he predicted.

President Rhee pointed out that he spoke from first-hand experience in Korea, which is divided by the 38th parallel into Soviet-dominated North Korea and the American-backed South Korean Republic.

"Under the direction and control of the Soviet Union, repeated Communist forays and several major battles were staged against our army but all were driven back," President Rhee said.

South Korea "is very warm, in fact, quite hot," he said. Continuous Communist guerilla activity includes the "burning of villages, raids, murders and in fact wholesale massacres."

No alliance talks

The South Korean chief executive said he did not come here to discuss an alliance with Japan against Communism but nevertheless called upon the Japanese to realise that the Korean Republic is a shield for a free Japan.

He voiced unconcealed gratification over his apparently successful mission to enlist Japanese comradeship and understanding with Korea which ultimately should lead to the most friendly co-operation. He added that Japanese technicians would be welcome in Korea but it will take a little time before the Koreans forget and forgive the former Japanese occupation.

He said it was too soon to make alliances but he favoured a loose conference of all Pacific nations interested in halting Communism. He understood that such a conference would be called by the Philippine President, Elpidio Quirino.

President Rhee referred only once to his conversations with General MacArthur. He said he asked the Supreme Commander if Japan would always tolerate a legal Communist Party.

"The general did not answer," he said.—United Press.

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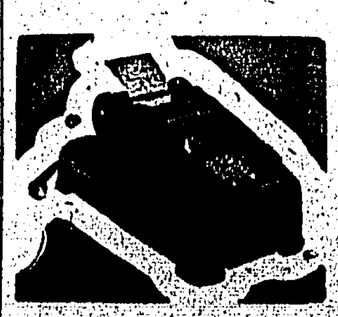

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Berlin, February 18.

The three Western commandants in Berlin today rejected the recent Soviet statement by General Alexander Kotikov, that there had been no deliberate interference with normal traffic between Berlin and the western zones of Germany in the socalled "little blockade" last month.

In a letter to General Kotikov, they renewed their charge that the traffic restrictions imposed at the East-West zonal border at Helmstedt, were a calculated attempt to restrict the normal movement of persons and goods" between Berlin and the West.—Reuter.

Indonesian President leaves India

President Soekarno of the United States of Indonesia (black hat) seen with President Rajandra Prasad of the Republic of India before he left India by plane to return to Indonesia. —(AP Photo).

Ethiopian Emperor voices distrust of Italians

Addis Ababa, February 18.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia said today that he believes Italy is returning to her pre-war colony of Somaliland for aggressive purposes only. In an exclusive interview with the Associated Press the Emperor said that the U.S. decision to instal Italy as trustee for Somaliland for 10 years was unfair and an injustice.

"Ethiopia will not recognise Italy as trustee", he said. "My people will never undertake an aggression," he said, "but we will defend ourselves as we did in the previous aggression."

The Emperor made his statement on the eve of the annual national day of mourning, February 19, commemorating what is known here as the Graziani Massacre—an Italian action in which it is alleged locally that thousands of Ethiopians were slaughtered after a bomb attack on Marshal Rodolfo Graziani in which Graziani was seriously wounded.

The Emperor said that Italy is accepting a trusteeship with high administrative costs when Italy cannot support her own economy without foreign loans.

The United Nations had granted Italy this "unjust privilege" only as a safeguard against Italy's going Communist, he said.

Italy had failed in the 50 previous years to bring progress to Somaliland and cannot do it in the 10 years allotted by the UN before Somaliland is to become independent, the Emperor added.

The same Italy

It is "the same Italy returning, although under a different guise", he said.

Ethiopia would have preferred that the UN give the trusteeship to some other nation, preferably England.

The Emperor said that Italy has never paid any compensation to Ethiopia for occupation damages and has not returned looted works of art and national monuments, although ordered to do so under the Italian peace treaty.

The Emperor repeated Ethiopia's claim to Eritrea.

Ethiopia has a just claim for the return of all Eritrea to Ethiopia for ethnical, geographic and economic reasons, he said. He added that landlocked Ethiopia also badly needs an outlet to the sea through Eritrea.

The Emperor said that the UN's long delay in making up its mind about Eritrea had resulted in the creation of a number of political parties in Eritrea, causing a situation detrimental to the Ethiopia cause.

Some advance Italian troops are already reported to have landed in Somaliland, where they are taking over the administration from the British. Others are expected soon. The actual date of the transfer of authority is not known here. It is believed to be some time in March.—Associated Press.

Tempestuous love fight in plane

Washington, February 17.

A tempestuous 37-year-old platinum blonde, who developed a sudden craving for affection, staged an airborne love riot over the capital area today that nearly caused a fatal crash.

The sometimes amorous, sometimes pugnacious woman carried a driver's licence issued to Miss Millie Jane Frost.

Alone with her in the small plane were the pilot, K. H. Dubanowich, and the co-pilot, T. O. Sallee. She had chartered the plane in New York for a flight to Palm Beach, Florida.

Dubanowich said Miss Frost awoke from a nap when they were about 15 miles outside Washington and, without warning, came at him with both fists flying.

The beleaguered pilot almost lost control of the ship. Sallee tried to quieten her, but the woman promptly yanked him from his seat and after pushing him to the rear of the plane began mauling and kissing him.

After a few minutes, however, she complained, "You do not love me," and began pounding and kicking again.

Dubanowich radioed Washington National Airport that he was in distress and was returning.

Sallee covered his head with his arms and let the woman beat him all the way back to the airport. When the plane landed, the police carried her off bodily, still fighting.

Sallee, who said he was co-pilot and flight engineer with the pen-maker, Milton Reynolds, and the late Bill Odom on their world flight in 1947, added: "Life has been easy up to now. I don't know what to tell my wife, but I will have to think up a good story. We just had twins."—United Press.

BERNHARD RELAXES IN RIO

Rio de Janeiro, February 18.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands escaped from a Rio de Janeiro heat-wave and went swimming and sailing in Rio Bay.

Tonight he will have his first taste of a Rio carnival when he will be host to an informal party at the Golden Room nightclub on Copacabana beach.

The official side of the Prince's visit to Brazil, which began three days ago, has now ended and for the first time today he was able to relax. He leaves tomorrow for Paramanibo, Dutch Guiana.

Prince Bernhard's last official functions were a reception in the gardens of the Netherlands Legations and a banquet last night at his hotel for the Foreign Minister Mr. Raul Fernandes, when he presented the Order of Aranje Nassau to 21 Brazilian dignitaries.

These dignitaries included the Foreign Minister, the Air Minister, Brigadier Armando Trompowski, and the Director of the Bank of Brazil, Mr. Alberto Castro Menzies.

For his sailing expedition this morning the Prince was the guest of the Brazilian socialiste and yachtsman, Mr. Antonio Leito.—Reuter.

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Development of U.S. defence plans shows big advance

Washington, February 18.

Military analysts said today that development of United States defence plans has reached the stage where the most likely spots for Communist attacks on democratic perimeters around the world are being pin-pointed on strategic maps and troop dispositions to meet them considered, at least on a hypothetical basis.

These sources commented following the revelation by General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that a "top secret" report had been given to President Truman regarding the military situation with particular reference to Asia.

General Bradley has declined to publicly specify the geographical points of major vulnerability in that area, contending that to do so would reveal United States plans.

However, sources close to the military said it is no secret that good strategic planning proceeds on the assumption that a potential enemy will act with the maximum of intelligence in any given situation. They said United States experts therefore had been asking themselves for some time where a Communist force was most likely to strike on either or both sides of the world and making their own tentative dispositions accordingly.

The Army Chief of Staff, J. Lawton Collins, has said publicly that the United States planned to keep four divisions in Japan. One division of 15,000 men is assigned to Germany and is believed to be the only overseas division now at as high as 90 per cent of strength.

Discrepancy

This apparent discrepancy in Far Eastern as compared with Western strength is accountable for in part by United States expectation that its Atlantic Pact partners in Europe will provide substantial forces to help guard the democratic perimeters there. No such assistance is counted on immediately in the Far East.

These overall area breakdowns of troop information are about as far as it is possible to go in discussing strategic plans without revealing information which would be useful to a potential enemy. The points in Japan Proper, in the Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa or the Philippines which will get the strongest troops dispositions are closely guarded secrets on which operational officers are now reportedly working.—United Press.

Emergency measures in France

Paris, Feb. 17.

The French government issued emergency security measures tonight to cope with a mounting wave of communist led strikes and sabotage.

It ordered that troops be used whenever necessary to unload American military aid cargoes to arrive at French ports next month.

A Ministry of Interior spokesman said that the government was prepared for possible large-scale fight if troops are rushed in. He said the Communists may use shock troops from the mines and iron and steel plants.

In Nice tonight, rioting broke out between police and more than 2,000 Communists who paraded in front of the American Consulate in that Riviera city during a demonstration against the French war on Indo-Chinese rebel forces.

Two police officers and 10 Communists were injured and five of the demonstrators were arrested. Police used tear gas to break up the demonstration.

Strikes ordered

The government despatched its security orders to prefects and other officials throughout the country as the Communists ordered two more strikes for tomorrow bringing France back into the frontline of the East-West cold war.

A two-hour nation-wide railroad stoppage was set for tomorrow morning while 10,000 Northern French miners were to begin a 24-hour walk-out. The rail strike was considered a dress rehearsal for later larger scale action against the United States military shipments.

Communist-led dockers already have tried to block the loading of arms for French forces in Indo-China.—United Press.

British envoy's first contact in Peking

London,—February—18.—

Mr. John Hutchison, British Charge D'Affaires in China, has paid a first call at the Foreign Office of the Chinese People's Government and established preliminary contact, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Mr. Hutchison, who travelled from Nanking to Peking last week-end, called on Tuesday on the head of the West European and African Department, Mr. Huan Hsiang.

The spokesman said that he was courteously received and there would be further interviews.

Mr. Hutchison is negotiating the establishment of diplomatic relations between Britain and China, following Britain's recognition of the Chinese People's Government on January 6.

In diplomatic quarters here, it was not expected that final arrangements for the exchange of missions would be made until the return of the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, who left Moscow on his way home yesterday.—Reuter.

Adjustment in U.S. policy seen

Bangkok, February 17.

High diplomatic quarters here today predicted a major adjustment in the United States' foreign policy in East Asia following the conference of United States Asian envoys, which ended here yesterday.

The basis of the prediction was the belief that any positive diplomatic policy recommended by the envoys for halting Communism in East Asia would be worthless without armed aid, which hitherto has been refused.

The Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip Jessup, is understood to have let the conference believe that any policy recommendations forwarded to the State Department would inevitably call for a review of its previous attitude on military aid for certain Asian countries.

The Department has so far over-ruled the United States Defence Chiefs' aid programme for Formosa, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's last remaining stronghold against the Chinese Communist tide.

It is known that an influential section of the envoys at the conference believe it to be essential for the United States immediately to apply, in some form or other, the Defence Chiefs' formula of military aid, orginally intended for Formosa, to the most immediately threatened South East Asian countries.—Reuter.

Prince Aly in skiing accident

Gstaad, February 18.

Prince Aly Khan, son of the Aga Khan, broke his right leg in a skiing accident on the slopes of Massengaat here today.

His doctor said it was a serious injury with both bones of the leg broken—one bone is broken in two places.

Eye-witnesses said he fell while travelling at a high speed down the straight runway. Trying to avoid someone who ran across in front of him, he fell twisting his legs under him and rolling over and over.

He was taken to hospital where, it is expected, his wife, the former film star, Rita Hayworth, will join him.—Reuter.

Knowland calls for new policy

Des Moines, Iowa, February 17.

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican California, tonight reiterated his demand that the United States blockade Communist-held Chinese ports if the Chinese Reds do not release illegally held Americans.

Knowland made the proposal in calling for a new policy in the Far East, which would include non-recognition of Communist China, supervised aid to the government of Chiang Kai-shek, strengthening of the United States Navy in the Far East by the addition of two or three carriers and a major shake-up in the Far Eastern Division of the State Department.

He told Iowa Republicans at a Lincoln Day dinner that General Douglas Macarthur should be made the co-ordinator of both economic and defence phases of the new policy. Knowland said the United States should "make it clear that this government will not sit back for more than a year and do nothing but send a series of notes when people representing this government are illegally held by the Communist regime in China."

"Certainly until they are all released we could undertake to see to it that no traffic was permitted into or out of Communist-held ports," he said. He cited the confinement by the Chinese Communists of American Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart, Consul-General Angus Ward and others as examples of the low point to which this country's China policy has sunk.

"We need a foreign policy in the Far East," Knowland said. "We have none there today." He said General MacArthur should be named co-ordinator of Far Eastern policy "so that in that area of the world the right hand will know what the left hand is doing."

Aid to the "legal government" of Chiang Kai-shek now holding out in Taiwan should be given "in the same way as given to the legal governments of Greece and Korea which have also been threatened by Communists," Knowland said.

He suggested supervision be done by a mission headed by a man of the calibre of General Wedemeyer. He said the "addition of at least two carriers—and possibly three to this country's Far Eastern naval forces would do much to restore confidence in that part of the world.

In apparent reference to the recent proposal of Senator Brien McMahon for a US$50,000,000 program of global aid to stop the spread of Communism and the threat of atomic war, Knowland said that such a program "might deter today's barbary pirates for a time. It will not change their determination to destroy human freedom in Europe, Asia or on the Western Hemisphere."—United Press.

American pleads guilty, asked for mild sentence

Budapest, February 18.

Robert Vogeler, self-confessed spy and American secret agent, pleaded guilty to sabotage and espionage against Hungary before the Budapest People's Court today.

He apologised to the Hungarian people and asked for a mild penalty. With a British businessman, Edgar Sanders, and five Hungarians, Vogeler was indicted as an economic saboteur and a leader of a spy ring for the American Intelligence.

The other defendants, pleading guilty, declared that they acted as Vogeler's agents.

All can receive the death penalty for their activities.

The court adjourned until Monday morning after the last defendant, the black-haired, comely Baroness Edina Dory, had confessed that she carried out Intelligence assignments while working as a bar-maid.

In a detailed confession Vogeler involved the heads of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of New York and its subsidiary, the International Standard Electric Company, as active co-operators with American Intelligence.

Cover organisation

The Standard Electric Company, of which Sanders was the local representative in Budapest, was a cover organisation for spying, he said.

Vogeler, Vice-President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, said that one of his tasks was to find and smuggle into America atomic scientists.

Arrested with Sanders and held in prison since last November, Vogelar told the court that both companies he represented maintained close connections with the Allied Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He also implicated a number of American military personnel now in Budapest, and said that other American business men were also involved in espionage in Eastern Europe.

It was a general policy, he said.

The American Legation in Budapest had instructions to give facilities for the escape of any high personalities who wanted to get away to the West.—Reuter.

U.S. aid to Britain figures prominently in Election campaign

London, February 18.

American aid and how it has helped Britain to keep unemployment at the lowest level in its peacetime history is providing much of the fireworks in the Parliamentary election campaign.

The Labour Party's election platform has a major "work for all" plank—a centre-piece around which much of its campaign tactics is built. Labour takes full credit for the fact that 98 per cent of Britain's employables have been at work during its term of office.

It goes further and pledges continued full employment should it be returned to power in the February 23 election. At the same time, it raises the pre-war ghost of unemployment under the Conservative governments of the 1930's.

Frank Conservatives admit their record between the wars handicaps them in meeting this charge.

Their party platform, too, promises full employment as a first aim. It accuses Labour of passing over the part Marshall aid has been playing in keeping British industry going. It raises a ghost of its own: what will happen when American aid ends in 1952?

"The Socialists claim that their policy have prevented mass unemployment such as followed the first world war," the Conservative manifesto said. "The conditions then were wholly different. Under the Socialist Government of 1929-31 unemployment rose violently and reached fearful figures."

Problem considered

It recalled that the wartime coalition Government under Winston Churchill, a mixture of present-day leading Socialist and Conservative politicians, considered the problem as applied to the post-World War II period and decided the world demand for goods would, for some years after the fighting stopped, make serious unemployment unlikely.

"But, in addition," it added, "we have had nearly 2,000,000,000 pounds given or loaned to us by the United States and Commonwealth countries. Do not forget that Mr. (Herbert) Morrison, Mr. (Aneurin) Bevan and other leading Socialists have declared that without this aid we should have had 1-1/2 to 2 millions unemployed in these last years instead of the present 300,000.

"These are strange confessions for public men to make at a time when they are boasting that they have cured unemployment."

The Labour Party manifesto makes no mention of American or other foreign aid in connection with employment.

The independent weekly "Economist," often friendly to the Labour Government, seized on this point in a critical analysis of Labour's manifesto.

"Incredible though it is," the journal said, "there is no reference, not even a passing allusion, to the fact that, throughout Labour's term of office, full employment and the wage earner's standard of living, the two pillars of Labour's appeal, have been sustained by American charity.

"It is American aid that has enabled Labour to defy the laws of arithmetic and make two and two come out at five."

Decisive question

The "Economist" concluded: "What will Labour do when American aid is withdrawn for the long world-wide post-war boom comes to an end? The Labour Party evidently wishes the elector to assume that it has no clue to this, the decisive question of the next five years."

The Conservative Party manifesto, however, did not profess to know the answer either.

"How grave will be the consequences of the cessation of American aid no one can forecast," it said. "But if human endeavour can avail we shall succeed."

How does Marshall aid figure in the employment picture?

Its funds made possible the purchase of raw materials which a financially pinched Britain could otherwise not have afforded and so kept its work benches operating at top speed.

Between the wars, with a working population around 19,000,000, Britain had a high and steady unemployment record.

In 1925, under a Conservative government, the average figure for the year stood at 1,239,637. It had not improved much by the time J. Ramsay Macdonald formed the second Labour cabinet in English history in June, 1929. The average number of jobless in that year was 1,230,164.

By the following year, the figure had jumped sharply to 1,915,237. With the world still in the grip of a depression when Macdonald formed his third government, (a coalition with strong Conservative leanings, in 1931, unemployment rose to 2,650,461. In 1932, it reached a peak of 2,744,789.

The Conservatives returned to power in late 1935 with unemployment still more than 2,000,000. It declined slowly, then until in 1939, just before the war, there were 1,407,959 jobless.

The war rapidly swallowed up Britain's manpower. By 1944, unemployment was down to 69,608, the lowest figure in two decades. The end of the war marked a gradual increase, but in the five years of Labour rule it never rose above 468,549. That was in 1947 when a winter freeze caused considerable temporary unemployment. The latest figure available for December last year was 330,536.—Associated Press.

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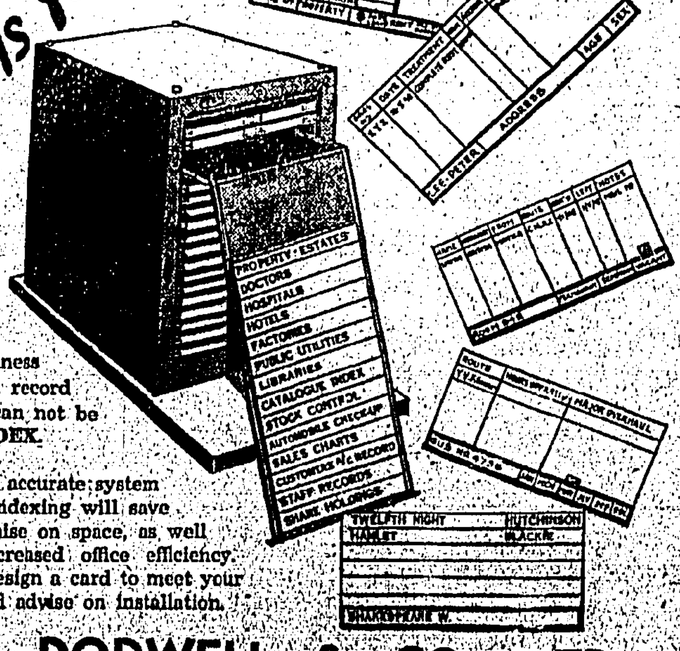
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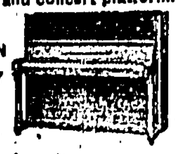

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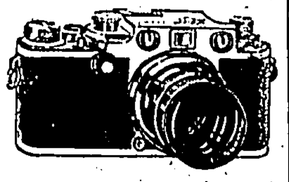

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12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—"Bandstand"—Band of the Scots Guards conducted by Captain S. Rhodes. (BBCTS)
1.00—Light Italian Songs by Carlo Butt and Elena Beltrami.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—"Music For You."
2.00—Close Down.
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—Children's Half Hour—Conducted by Jack Frost. (Studio)
6.30—Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)
7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15—"Hill Billy Masqueraders"—Presented by Raymond Mulholland (Studio)
7.30—"Off the Record"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbbons. (Studio)
8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
8.10—Talk on Films—by Linda Cater. (Studio)
8.25—"I Like What I Like"—Presented by Lilian Nelson. (Studio)
8.55—"Goethe, The German Miracle"—A Talk by Thomas Mann for the Bi-Centenary of Goethe' Birth (BBCTS)
9.30—"Concerto"—Piano Concerto in E Flat Major (John Ireland) Eileen Joyce (Piano with the Halle Orchestra conducted by Leslie Heward.
10.00—Radio News Reel (London Relay
10.15—Weather Report.
10.16—"Spanish Nights"—Introduced by "Bettina" (Studio)
10.30—"From the Ballet"—Royal Opera House Orchestra, Convent Garden conducted by Hugo Rignold.
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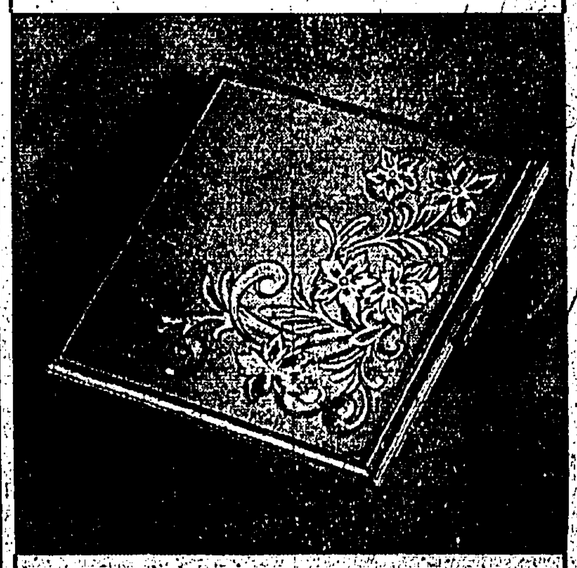

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Berlin, February 18.

Western intelligence officers attempted tonight to sift a German newspaper report that the Stalin regime has just crushed a revolutionary plot in Leningrad.

The West Berling tabloid, "Der Abend," said nearly 200 high Leningrad officials, including Marshal Leonid A. Govorov, were involved in the conspiracy. There was no official confirmation.

"Der Abend" said it got its information from sources close to the Soviet Control Commission in Eastern Germany.

It expressed fear that Stalin's expansionist policy was one motive for the plot; disillusionment at the Soviet government's failure to raise the living standards of the people, despite wartime promises, was another.

Noting that the Soviet Union restored the death penalty last month for espionage and sabotage, the newspaper declared this was a measure to carry out a blood purge of the conspirators, not all of whom have yet been caught.

The newspaper said it was not known whether the Kremlin would hold some public trials or dispose all the suspects in secret.

With the purge now under way, "Der Abend" said it learned from circles close to the Soviet Control Commission in Germany that Russian officers here had been considerably disquieted.

It said the conspiracy reached into the political directorate of the Red Army the Leningrad municipal administration, and the Soviet Ministry of State Security.

According to "Der Abend," the ultimate goal was to set up a new Republic of the Great Russias with its capital at Leningrad.

Allied officers, studying the newspaper's claim, said they had no directive since confirming or repudiating them.

They pointed out:

The Soviet Union abolished the death penalty with fanfare, but has restored it with scarcely a word of explanation.

Disciplinary rules in the Communist Party are so rigid that a minor deviation in thought or act—such as Leningraders might be guilty of under post-war conditions—could become magnified into an incipient revolution.

But the Allied officers also cautioned that Berlin is one of the wildest spy centres in the world. East and West continually float provocative rumours in the cold war here.—Associated Press.

CALL FOR TOP-LEVEL MEETING

Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 18.

Mr. Harold E. Stassen, unsuccessful Republican aspirant for the United States Presidency, tonight asked President Truman to seek a conference with Soviet leaders on Asia and the hydrogen bomb.

The former Governor of Minnesota, now President of the University of Pennsylvania, conceded that there were no bright prospects of success for such a meeting.

He called for British and French participation in the major mid-century conference which would consider these major issues: "What shall we do with Asia? And the hydrogen bomb?"

If the conference failed, the United States should use every possible means—not only the radio but pamphlets dropped from balloons and stratospheric planes—to send information over the Iron Curtain to the Russian people, Mr. Stassen declared.

He called on President Truman to name an administrator with the powers of Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Marshal Plan chief, for an American aid to Asia programme.—Reuter.

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11.00—Airline Melodies.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
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4.15—Today's Choice.
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5.30—Harmony Hall.
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6.15—Song of The Islands.
6.30—The Jumpin' Jacks.
6.45—Do You Remember?
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.10—Local News.
7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
8.00—"Romantic Cycles."
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.10—Local News.
9.15—Bing Sings.
9.30—The King's Theatre Quiz Programme.
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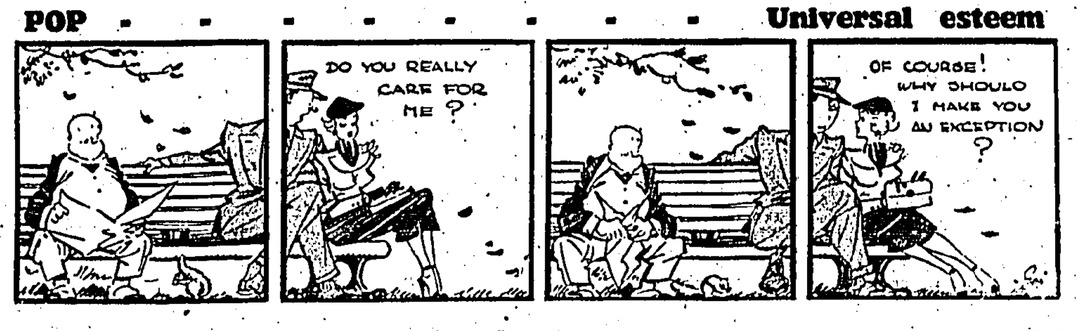

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In my log

Lest we forget—"kung hey fat choy"

It's Chinese New Year Season and they're all out again—big noise, little noise; strident booms, muffled putts; all and sundry.

You hear and see them everywhere.

Some people delight in the din: some denounce the Great Khan for propagating it.

We have our moments when 'twas "either or" during a weekend stroll along the Praya.

Big or little; strident or muffled; they 'all begin alike—a spectacular three-second animation.

Many cower before its potency, but many too are thrilled by its resplendence.

Its purposes are varied. Through the passage of time, it has developed from an instrument of amusement to a death-dealing weapon.

But tradition has preserved its original usage this side of the world—to scare the devils and to symbolise good luck.

That's when a Son of the Good Earth celebrates...and the firecracker just sputters and "bangs!"

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The firecracker.

It looks harmless as it is—a thin roll of red paper filled with less than an ounce of sulphur with a protruding fuse.

We ran through a gauntlet of numerous bursting ones during our stroll along the Praya at the height of it all. Deafened by the ear-splitting din and showered by myriads of tattered red paper (Good luck in Chinese eyes), we plodded on with hardly any grim thoughts...after all it's the season.

But we shudder to think of the consequences should they burst on the windscreen and put the driver out of control; on an unsheltered head when the unfortunate is in between oncoming traffic and on the lap of a passenger in a rickshaw.

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What, here too?

Quoi ici aussi? At least one French seaman admitted he thought Hong Kong was under fire when the ss. Champollion berthed alongside Kowloon Wharf over the week-end.

Coming from Saigon—scene of audacious hit-and-run terrorist attacks—one could not, of course, help being victim to the "nerves."

We don't blame the visitor for his apprehension. After all, many of us sometimes mistook bursting firecrackers for gun-shots.

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The "Tanka" diehards?

Undoubtedly, that chance remark made by a passerby along the Causeway Bay Praya seems to echo what many will generally think at first sight—the Generalissimo is still a favourite.

For conspicuously displayed among the elaborate array of multi-coloured buntings and banners blazoned with scarlet characters, the Kuomintang emblem flutters above every native craft at the "Tanka" centres in the Colony.

They may be tattered or brand new; large or small—but each apparently indicates the unanimity of "Tanka" political sympathy.

To get a deeper insight into this show of staunch loyalty, we paid "New Year" visits to several floating households.

We quote here what our "Tanka" acquaintances have to say:

"It's not just playing favourite. Many of us cannot afford renewal of the flag...better to hoist a tattered flag than nothing at all.

"To buy a new flag is not very difficult. But how can I fly the Five Star alone amidst all the KMTs? Anyway, it makes no difference to me as long I'm in Hong Kong...

"If everybody flies the Communist emblem, I will do likewise. Until then, this one (pointing to a weather-soiled KMT flag) will suffice."

Fire brought to a tragic end 23 years of service along the South China Coast of the British steamer Sai On—seen in the picture in the preliminary stage of a surgical operation now under way to reconvert the charred hulk into a HK$2,000,000 luxurious floating establishment.

FIRE-GUTTED HULK NOW UNDERGOING SURGICAL OPERATION

In the sheltered bay off Ngauchiwan, some 100 skilled artisans are today engaged in a remarkable surgical operation on a fire-gutted hulk, which Hong Kong will remember as the British river steamer Sai On.

By May this year, the Hong Kong-Macao passenger service fleet will have another addition—a sleek craft equipped with modern amenities and up-to-date navigational aids catering both to travelling traders and tourists.

Now berthed alongside the Cheoy Lee Shipyard, Ngauchiwan, which is undertaking this HK$2,000,000 reconversion project, the hulk is undergoing the second phase of the operation, which began late in December last year.

Nearly 10 weeks of painstaking trimming and patching up have shaped the hulk into what would be, according to the blue prints, a luxurious floating establishment.

Such "extravaganzas" as a spacious dance floor with cocktail bar, honeymoon suites, a broadcast system throughout the vessel and radio-telephony top the "features" list.

Special attention

The reconstruction work itself will give special attention to modern sanitary facilities to serve 1,500 passengers on the four-hour trip to Macao.

The vessel will fly the Red Ensign with a British skipper at the helm.

The Sai On hulk was taken to the Cheoy Lee Shipyard just before last Christmas for the reconversion, after most of her superstructure had been denuded of the charred remnants which bore evidence of the tragic conflagration on February 4, 1947, when 132 lives were lost.

It was while the hulk was being pruned in mid-1948 that rumours were circulated among the Colony's shipping community that the Sai On was to be reconverted into what was then described as a floating hotel.

The last few months of last year did not indicate any development that would add credence to the speculation, until the middle of December when the hulk was towed to the Cheoy Lee Shipyard to undergo her current "operation."

Reconversion

Within the first two months, the main deck was reconverted into a spacious steerage deck for 1,000 passengers and storage for some 1,000 tons of cargo. The upper deck is gradually taking shape into four honeymoon suites, dance floor flanked by seating accommodation to be modelled after such de luxe upholsteries fitted on the ss. President Wilson, pride of the "APL" trans-Pacific liners, a cocktail bar and first-class cabins.

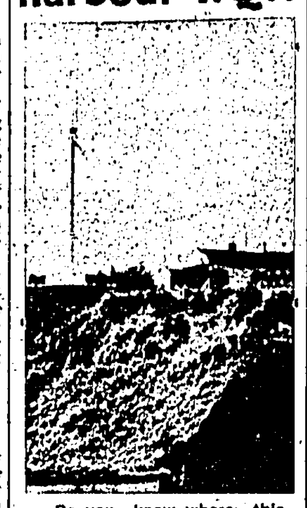
Fire-resistance paint is now douching the woodwork and platings. More exits will be provided for every deck to cope with exigencies in time of fire.

Most of the framework requird new materials. The only visible sign of the tragedy is a plate—the boiler casing—which remains at its original position. The bulge, caused by intense heat during the February fire, was flattened and the superfluous part cut off.

Furnishings for the interior will be specially ordered from abroad. Glass bulwark will be an attractive feature of the ballroom. This enables passengers to look out into the sea irrespective of weather condition.

A loudspeaker system serving vantage points aboard will relay official instructions or entertainment during the trip. This is an innovation which a few river vessels have made it a popular feature.

How's your harbour I.Q.?



Do you know where this picture was taken? Sure you do! Don't be puzzled . . . remember the dome and fort. Now you've got it. Turn the page round and see whether you're right.

(Blackhead Signal Station, Kowloon).

We stepped ashore..."a sadder and wiser man."

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When a "Tanka" family celebrates New Year . . .

The bobbing household is plastered with scarlet paper slips bearing every conceivable superlatives of Virtue and Good Fortune...

There seems to be a dearth of fowls afloat. Many craft have huge crates aboard which were filled with plump clucking hens only recently...

Many a "Tanka" family step ashore to rub shoulder with the landlubbers. This itinerary entails extra expenses—shoes, new suits and other necessities—but which are never grudged...

There's very little work to be done, often none at all. The women folks spend most of their time aboard splitting "kwa chi" (lemon seeds) and gossipping. Gambling is rife—afloat and ashore...

Meal time is something special to the "Tanka" children. Rarely would one miss his New Year dinners or luncheons. Ma has always something "new" for the family...no more dried shrimps for at least a few days...

Paper replicas of junks and sampans are made on very elaborate design and colour scheme. These are floated after normal rites to serve the spiritual dignitaries of "Tanka" life.

Shanghai shipyard makes good in Hong Kong

Little is known of the Cheoy Lee Shipyard—a Shanghai shipbuilding organisation which has made good in Hong Kong—now undertaking 80 per cent of the maintenance and repairs of the Government fleet of harbour utility craft.

From the Ngauchiwan shipyard during recent after-Liberation years several innovations in harbour craft construction have made their debut in the Colony.

The "first of its kind" parade of vessels includes the catamaran life-saving craft, the "luxurious" flat-topped refuse lighter, the 45-foot sailing cruiser Orion and now under construction the Winslow-design foursum yacht.

The Cheoy Lee Shipyard was established in Shanghai some 60 years ago. The Japanese damaged its facilities in 1937 which led to the re-organisation of the firm in Hong Kong on the following year.

Only construction of light harbour vessels was carried out. After the Liberation, the shipyard turned out the innovations, some of which were designed in conjunction with the Marine Department, to set a precedence in each special type of work.

Today the shipyard is busy with the HK$2,000,000,-reconversion of the fire-damaged Sai On hulk and the building of the Winslow-design craft, which is due to be completed by the middle of next month.

For U.S. airman

This craft is one of the few yachts to be built in a Hong Kong shipyard since after the war. It is being constructed for an American airman now serving in Guam. The yacht will be shipped to Seattle. Work started early this month.

There are nine catamaran life-saving craft which will be distributed to the local beaches during the forthcoming summer season. They were built at the Cheoy Lee Shipyard.

The design was the result of collaborative work by the Marine Department Yaumati Slipway Superintendent Engineer and the private shipyard personnel.

Estimated to cost about HK$900 for each catamaran, the Cheoy Lee Shipyard has ready materials to produce one within a fortnight's period.

This type of life-saving craft is believed to be the first of its kind seen in the Far East.

The pride of the shipyard is the 45-foot sailing cruiser Orion, which has won many local races and yachting events. Built last year at Ngauchiwan, the Orion was exclusively built out of locally-made materials. The auxillary engine is the only "foreign" product.

Five "luxurious" refuse lighters were specially built for the Government early last year. An innovation in such type of vessel, the 98-foot flat-topped lighter was designed by the Marine Department. The "unique" facilities include showers, running water, washing basins, galleys and accommodation for 15 persons aboard each craft.

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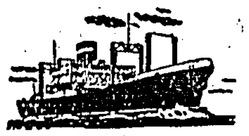

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DEMAND FOR RUSSIAN BONDS CAUSED BY 'PEACE FEELER' REPORTS

New York, February 18.

Is Wall Street anticipating a period of more friendly relations between the United States and Russia?

Some financial sources believe a big spurt of demand for Russian bonds this week and a sharp rise in their prices stemmed from the optimism of buyers that Uncle Sam and the Soviet Union would soon be on better terms.

These sources may have reached such a conclusion because, over the years, the prices of Russian bonds have mirrored to an extremely accurate degree the momentary status of relations between the two countries.

The Government of Czar Nicholas II issued $75,000,000 in bonds in 1916 for sale in the United States.

Following the Red Revolution, however, the Communist Government repudiated all debts of the Czarist regime. The bonds, therefore, moved into default.

As a result, the bonds were worth only about $2,000,000 on the basis of Friday's market values. At the beginning of the current week, however, they were worth only about $1,041,000.

Without warning

There had been virtually no demand for the bonds for months until last Wednesday, when buyers without warning jumped into the market with both feet.

This happened within minutes after a State Department official told a Congressional sub-committee that the United States is "prepared to discuss outstanding issues with the Soviet Union and to leave all possible doors open for an exchange of views."

The rush continued, and prices soared again the very next day when President Truman hinted at a news conference that he still had in mind a possible special peace mission to Russia at some future date.

Behind this demand may be the buyers' hope that if the United States and Russia ever agree formally to keep the peace, part of the understanding may involve the Soviet Union's doing something about the defaulted bonds. —Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 18.

Stock traders put their money today on a quick end to the coal strike. On Friday and Saturday the market value of all stocks listed on the exchange increased by about $1,000,000,000.

Stocks of companies which would be hurt most by a prolonged strike were most in demand—such as rails, steels and autos. Gains were fractional for the most part but well spread through major groups. Transfers were 1,050,000. Gainers were New York Central, U.S. Steel, U.S. Rubber, General Motors, Kennecott Copper, Du Pont Standard Oil of New Jersey. Lower was Pan-American.

Dow Jones closing averages: Stocks 74.07; Industrials 203.97; Rails 56.00; Utilities 42.78.

Closing prices:

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" Smelting 64⅞
" Telephone 149⅝
" Tobacco 72⅝
" Waterworks 9⅞
Anaconda Copper 29¾
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Baldwin Locomotive 13⅛
Barnsdall 50
Bendix Aviation 42⅛
Bethlehem Steel 33¾
Boeing Aircraft 27
Borden Co. 51
Canadian Pacific 15⅜
J. I. Case 45¾
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Du Pont 64⅜
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US Rubber 44
" Steel 30⅜
" Lines 17⅞
Westinghouse 32⅝
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 78⅛
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17⅞.

Corporate bonds moved narrowly. Higher in the Curb were Alaska Airlines, Barium Steel, Finnsteel Metallurgical.—Associated Press.

Soft coal strike in U.S. continues

Washington, February 18.

The soft coal strike continued with little change today, despite orders by Union President John L. Lewis the night before that the miners should return to work.

The government withheld any action, hoping the miners would report for work on Monday. Government mediators based their hopes mainly on the fact that Lewis' latest order was in much stronger terms than his former instructions, and that the miners now understand their local leaders want them to return to work.

There was no indication from the field, however, that the miners would return. In all districts where meetings were reported, they voted against working without a contract.—Associated Press.

Britain's oil restrictions against U.S.

Washington, February 18.

Britain's oil restrictions against American companies have gone into effect despite vigorous protests from the State Department.

Government officials said they were informed that effective Thursday, all exports of dollar fuel oil to the United Kingdom are barred, and petrol shipments from American companies must be reduced by 30 per cent.

This means American companies will lose about one-third of their market in the Sterling area. The most heavily hit will be the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which has been supplying much of the British fuel oil requirements through subsidiaries.

American oil executives had been hoping that the British would delay putting the new controls into effect, especially since State Department and British Embassy officials are still searching for possible ways to soften the new rules.—Associated Press.

U.S. foreign trade in 1949 down

Washington, February 18.

United States foreign trade declined in 1949, but exports and imports moved a little closer toward a balance, the U.S. Census Bureau reports.

Exports totalled $12,000,200,000, a drop of five per cent from the 1948 total and 16 per cent below the record high established in 1947.

Imports totalled $6,626,200,000 a decline of seven per cent from 1948's record high but 16 per cent above the 1947 figure.

The "trade gap"—the amount by which foreign sales of goods here falls short of covering what is obtained from this country—dipped to $5,376,000,000 in 1949 from $5,520,200,000 in 1948.

The Bureau said December exports alone totalled $942,800,000, a gain over November's $836,100,000. December imports rose to $606,000,000 from $593,700,000 in November.

Imports have been rising since most European countries devalued their currencies in mid-September to make their goods cheaper to American buyers. Exports had been declining before December. —Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, February 20, 1950.

Dullness on spot wool mart

Boston, February 18.

Dullness pervaded the spot wool market this week under a combination of circumstances.

The trade and mills were watching developments abroad at least at the start of the period, to see if the firmness held.

Demand for scarce domestic types of shorn wool from fine to medium is noticeable. The "Commercial Bulletin" said:

"Sizeable lots apparently are few in any quarter of the market. Half-blood, as noted previously, has firmed up as stocks disappeared, with holdings now limited and the competition from Montevido wool not as it was some months ago.

"Fleeces are very quiet, with little around for distribution to consumers, even of C lots. A few odd lots of delaine are reported available. Mediums are scarce, like half-bloods.

"In the woolen end, cheap pulled wools and off sorts in shorn are still moving and were to be had around the dollar level.

"Foreign spot wools in bond are said still to be moving out very well. The imports of apparel wools for three ports in the five weeks to February 3 were 40,556,700 pounds, clean basis."—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Consignees per Company's s.s. "CHAMPOLLION"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Friday, 24th, February 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 25th, February 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 13th, March 1950 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hong Kong, February 18, 1950.

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Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on the February 24th, 1950.

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All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the March 12th, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

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Shipping Arrivals

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Steel Seafarer (Gilman) from Amoy.
Tungus (Thoresen) from Europe K.Bay

TODAY

Moorcroft (MM) from Bombay.
Pioneer Dale (USL) from Manila.
President Polk (APL) from Atlantic Coast.
Talyuan (B & S) from Australia.
Takiang (JM) from Japan.

TOMORROW

Castleville (Bank) from Pacific.
Hewsang (JM) from Sandakan.
Jean Lafitte (Wallem) from Atlantic.
Julie Luckenbach (USL) from San Francisco.
Towergrange (MM) from Bombay.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Benalder (Loxley) for Europe.
F. J. Luckenbach (USL) for Pacific.

TODAY

Benmohr (Loxley) for Europe.
Mausang (JM) for Sandakan.

TOMORROW

Tjisadane (RIL) for Singapore.
Wingsang (JM) for Keelung.

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Aeneas (B & S) ..... A.S
Ajax (B & S) ..... Holts.
Aldan (Channel) ..... S.C.
Alpha Orange (Trinity) ..... K.H.
Amelia Lykes (APL) ..... K.wh.
Anhui (B & S) ..... B.S
Haralabas (Manners) ..... Yau.
Aust (Larsen) ..... S.C.
Caroline Maller (Mollers) .... H.H.
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Chee Hsing (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... K.D
Chong Tong (China SS) ..... O.H.
Chu Chiang (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Chun Sang (Jardine) ..... H.S
Cloverlock (Roland) ..... Yau.
Colonial (Nolasco) ..... K. Bay
Colon (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau
Eastern Rancher (Metro) B.11
Eastern Venture (Metro) B.11
Elise (B & S) ..... N.P.
Empire Park (Lam Kee) ..... Yau.
Esang (Jardine) B.15
Faith (Tieng Seng) ..... S.S. Po
Fengtien (B & S) B.14
Fort Charlotte (NSO) ..... RNY
Frosty Moller (Mollers) ..... KD
Grandview (Sanasom) ..... S.S. Po
Great Eagle (Colon) ..... Yau
Hai Chung (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Kang (CMSN) B.17
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Lee (Thoresen) B.13
Hai Nan (CMSN) ..... Yau
Hanyang (B & S) B.11
Hangsang (Jardine) B.2
Hermod (Thoresen) B.3
Hinghai (B & S) B.23
Hiram (Thor.) ..... Honghom Bay
Hock Lim (Eastern) ..... Yau
Hsin Kong (Eastern) ..... K.B.
Hudson (Tak Kee) ..... W.P.
Hung Cheng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Hupeh (B & S) ..... Cust.
Inchmay (Williamson) ..... S.C
Islas Visayas (Manners) ..... Yau.
Jade Leaf (Yick Yuen) ..... S.S. Po
Jeep Hee (Jebsahun) B.4
Johnson (Col. Nav.) ..... SS Po.
Lake Shawnigan (Eastern) .... K.B
Landmora (Mac Mac) A.13
Lee Che (Mingsung) ..... Ymt.
Leong Bee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Lin Shen (Jebsahun) ..... Yau.
Lu Yi (BOTRA) ..... S.C.
Maldova (Maldo) ..... Yau.
Malita (Jardine) ..... K.B.
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) A.10
Margaret Moller (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Marie Skou (Gilman) ..... W.D
Mausang (Jardine) A.12
Mei Foo (SVO) ..... LOK
Mei Ling (Botra) ..... Yau
Mina (Kung Dak) ..... Yau.
Ming Chung ..... Yau
Mirama (Larsen) ..... K.B.
Mistress (Master) ..... K.B.
Nan Chiang (Eastern) ..... Yau.
Nan Hai (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Nellore (Mac Mac) ..... K.wh.
New World Victory (USL) ..... A.S
Ninta (Dodwell) ..... K.B.
Nu Chiang (Ming Sung) ..... OSW
Ocean Pride (Tu Hung) ..... Yau.
Oriental (Far East) B.13
Paleus (B & S) ..... Holts
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ..... Yau.
Peleus (B & S) ..... Holt's Wh.
Pigneau De Behaine (MM) B.12
Poltava (Metro) B.18
Poyang (Jardine) B.10
Prince Salvor (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Produce (B & S) B.4
Ramona (Wallem) ..... Sasco
Ridderkerk (RIL) A.11
Rosita (Yick Yuen) ..... Ymt
Sabre Canim (Jardine) A.11
Sacramento (HKES) ..... T.D.
Sargen (Eastern) ..... K.B.
San Ernesto (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Gabriel (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Jeronimo (Manners) ..... Yau.
San Miguel (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Luis (Jebsahun) B.17
Sanviken (Jebsahn) B.3
Silverwalnut (RIL) ..... K.wh
Sin Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) ..... Yau.
Smith Men (Ming Sung) ..... Yau
St. Gregory (Shewan) ..... Mac. Wh.
Steel Seafarer (Gilman) ..... Leichhuk
Sue Lykes (APL) ..... Kin. Wh.
Sui Yuan (B A C) ..... Yau.
Surikov (Wallem) ..... K.B.
Tadah (Helang S/S) ..... Yau.
Taichungshan (Jebsahun) ..... D.G.A.
Tai Ping Shan (APO) ..... APO
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) .... S.C.
Tarifa (Dodwell) A.13
Tela De Laringa (Trinity) ..... A.S
Tsh Hu (Tsh Hu SS) ..... S.C.
Tsue Keng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Tjibondok (RIL) ..... K.D.
Tjisadane (RIL) ..... W.D
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Tonier (Lesbon) ..... K.B.
Trafoil (Mollers) ..... S.S.Po
Teal E (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Tungus (Thoresen) ..... Kin. Bay
Union Power (Wallem) B.1
Vulture (Hua Sheng) ..... Jan.
Vim (Lee Bros.) ..... Yau.
Wah Chang (Yung Yuan) ..... Comco.
Wai Hing (China Bldg) ..... To Takyuh
Wing Hing (Jardine) ..... S.Wh
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C.
Yue Mee (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Yung Hsing (Botra) ..... Yau.

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA March

Boissevain (RIL) 11

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST February

Andrea (Loxley) 27
American Reporter (USL) ..... RO
Dingwall (Loxley) ex-New York 25
Jean Mail (Bennett) 27
Joan Lykes (Wallem) 27
Pres. Polk (APL) 28

March

Agathi (Loxley) 1
Agamemnon (B & S) ..... end
British Prince (Jardine) 12
Fernstream (Thoresen) 12
Bronzville (Thoresen) 10
City of Poona (Bank) 4
Dona Aurora (B & S) 14
Dona Nati (B & S) 25
Gateway City (Wallem) 14
Jacob Luckenbach (Gourlie) 1
Laura Maersk (Jebsen) 15
Liholt (Wallem) 21
Marine Snapper (APL) 19
Mount Davis (APL) 5
Nurlago (Loxley) ex-Galveston .. 14
Olga Maersk (Jebsen) 1
Pioneer Lake (USL) 17
Pioneer Wave (USL) 26
Pres. Johnson (APL) 10
Skauvaan (Mac Mac) 6
Steel Navigator (Gilman) 4
Tallyrand (Dodwell) 14

April

Ferndale (Thoresen) 10
Fernland (Thoresen) 2
Igadi (Wallem) 7
Mandville (Thoresen) 16

May

Fernfield (Thoresen) 29
Javanese Prince (Jardine) 24

PACIFIC COAST February

Castleville (Bank) 21
Julie Luckenbach (USL) ex-Frisco 21
Nikobar (E.A.) 20
Oregon (Dodwell) 23
Philippine Transport (Jardine) .. 22
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ex-Frisco 25
Pres. Taft (APL) ex-Frisco 26
Sea Serpent (USL) 22

March

America Transport (Jardine) 26
Arizona (Dodwell) 5
Bougainville (Bank) 24
California (Dodwell) 3
China Transport (Jardine) 5
China Bear (USL) 11
General Gordon (APL) 17
Lightning (USL) ex-Frisco 14
Manngarella (Wallem) 12
Pres. Madison (APL) 10
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco .. 16
Tranquebar (E.A.) 18
Victory (Wallem) 31

April

Pacific Transport (Jardine) 4

AUSTRALIA February

Baluchistan (Jardine) 23
Eastern Saga (Jardine) ex-Melbourne 23
Talyuan (B & S) 20

March

Aros (Dodwell) 16

April

Hindustan (Jardine) 22
Kafristan (Jardine) 31

CHINA February

Choysang (Jardine) ex-Tientsin .. 26
Kwelyang (B & S) ex-Keelung .. 24
Noreverett (Everett) ex-Takyo 2nd wk.
Shengking (B & S) ex-Keelung .. 23
Wingsang (Jardine) 27

EUROPE February

Benavon (Loxley) 25
Benalbannach (Loxley) 22
Glencarn (Jardine) 25
La Marseilles (MM) 23

March

Automedan (B & S) 8
Benvenue (Loxley) 16
Benvannoch (Loxley) 20
Breconshire (Jardine) 11
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London 18
Cyclops (B & S) ex-U.K. 15
Glengarry (Jardine) 27
Homland (Gilman) 31
Kvernaas (E.A.) .....beginning
Machaon (B & S) ex-U.K. 12
Morella (E.A.) .....beginning
Nagara (Gilman) 7
Patroclus (B & S) ex-U.K. 14
Socotra (Mac Mac) 18
Torrens (Thoresen) 24

April

Benledi (Loxley) 7
Benlawers (Loxley) 14
Bennatow (Loxley) 17
Carthage (Mac Mac) 18
Glenavin (Jardine) ex-U.K. 22
Kampodia (E.A.) ..... beg.
Nordpol (E.A.) ..... beg.
Radnorshire (Jardine) 9
Selandia (S.A.) .....beginning
Shillong (Mac Mac) 12
Talisman (Thoresen) 14
Tonghai (Gilman) 24

May

Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London 8
Glenroy (Jardine) ex-U.K. 9

INDIA February

Moorcroft (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay .. 20
Birdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 26
Towergrange (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay 21

March

Evros (Mac Mac) 10
Tairea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta ... 13

JAPAN February

Hoemskerk (RIL) 25
Ruys (RIL) 23
Szechuen (B & S) ex-Kobe 18
Takyang (Jardine) .....
Tainan (B & S) ex-Korea 26-27

March

Talyuan (B & S) 18

April

Boissevain (RIL) 7

SOUTH EAST PORTS February

Hewsang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan .. 21
Pioneer Dale (USL) ex-Manila ... 20

March

American Reporter (USL) ex-Manila 25
Boissevain (RIL) ex-Manila 17
Dona Aurora (Rama) ex-Manila ... mid.
Fuklien (B & S) ex-Indonesia 2
Star Aleyone (Everett) ex-Singapore ..... 2nd wk
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports .. 16
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore ... 16

April

Pioneer Lake (USL) ex-Manila 6

SOUTH AMERICA March

Boissevain (RIL) 17

Sailings To

AFRICA

February

23 Ruys (RIL).

April

4 Boissevain (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

February

25 Citea (Dodwell).

March

16 Talyuan (B & S) for Sydney.

April

6 Aros (Dodwell).
Mid Nellore (Mac Mac).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

February

21 Pioneer Dale (USL).
28 Manager Maersk (Jebsen).
End Javanese Prince (Jardine).

March

2 Steel Worker (Gilman).
12 Borgholt (Wallem).
13 Bronzville (Thoresen).
15 Steel Executive (Gilman).
14 Anna Maersk (Jebsen).
20 Marine Snapper (APL).
26 Greta Maersk (Jebsen).
27 American Reporter (USL).

April

2 Liholt (Wallem).
3 St. Augustine Victory Gilman).
8 Pioneer Lake (USL).
17 Pres. Johnson (APL).

PACIFIC COAST

February

21 Julia Luckenbank (USL) for Frisco.
22 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
26 Oregon (Dodwell).
26 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.
27 Pres. Taft (APL) for San Francisco.
28 Francisville (Bank).

March

2 Steel Worker (Gilman).
2 Sea Serpent (USL).
3 Skauho (Mac Mac).
4 California (Dodwell).
6 Arizona (Dodwell).
8 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.
11 Pres. Madison (APL).
12 China Bear (USL).
13 Steel Executive (Gilman).
16 Lightning (USL) for Frisco.
17 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.
17 Tungus (Dodwell).
18 General Gordon (AP) for Frisco.
25 America Transport (Jardine).
30 Castleville (Bank).

April

3 St. Augustine Victory (Gilman).
5 Pacific Transport (Jardine).

CHINA

February

21 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung.
22 Chunsang (Jardine) for Inchon.
22 Poyang (Jardine) for Tientsin.
28 Flying Clipper (Pattison) for Shanghai.
25 Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin.
25 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.

March

12 Liholt (Wallem) for Taku Bar.

April

9 Igadi (Wallem) for Taku Bar.

EUROPE

February

20 Benmohr (Loxley).
22 Aragonor (B & S) for U.K.
22 Glenorchy (Jardine) for U.K.
24 La Marseilles (MM).
25 Heemskerk (RIL).
27 Bohemo (Gilman).
28 Benavon (Loxley).
end. Tarifa (Thoresen).

March

Beg. Morella (E.A.).
3 Kyber (Mac Mac).
7 Peleus (B & S).
9 Glenartney (Jardine) for Aden.
10 Oronhax (MM).
Mid Kvernaas (E.A.).
20 Benvenue (Loxley).
18 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
24 Benvannoch (Loxley).
25 Automedon (B & S) for Marseilles
End Nagara (Gilman).

April

6 Benlawers (Loxley).
8 Ringerd (MM).
12 Socotra (Mac Mac).
14 Torrens (Thoresen).
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London
Mid. Nordpol (E.A.).
21 Bennatow (Loxley).

May

12 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

June

9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.

July

7 Carthage (Mac Mac).

JAPAN

February

23 Moorcot (Mac Mac).
24 Talyuan (B & S).
24 Eastern Saga (Jardine).
25 Baluchistan (Jardine).
28 Birdhana (Mac Mac).

March

1 Harmod (Thoresen) for Kobe.
5 Fuklen (B & S) for Yokohama.
10 Nagara (Gilman) for Kobe.
14 Tairea (Mac Mac).
mid Hoogkerk (RIL).
19 Boisservain (RIL).
19 Socotra (Mac Mac). for Kobe.
20 Nellore (Mac Mac).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

February

20 Mansang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
21 Tjisadane (RIL) for Singapore.
22 Fengtien (B & S) for Singapore.
23 Castleville (Bank) for Singapore.
22 Takjang (Jardine) for Singapore.
23 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.
24 Anhui (B & S) for Singapore.
25 Kwelyang (B & S) for Saigon.
27 Szechuen (B & S) for Bangkok.
29 American Reporter (USL) for Manila.

March

1 Hewsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
9 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports
13 Pioneer Lake (USL) for Manila.
21 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
27 Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila.

April

3 Boissevain (RIL) for Manila.

SOUTH AMERICA

February

23 Ruys (RIL).

April

3 Boissevain (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

February

22 Pres. Polk (APL).

March

7 Mount Davis (APL).
11 Pres. Johnson (APL).

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 8.15 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Okiaro, Manila: 10 a.m.
BOAC ex-London, Bangkok: 6.40 p.m.

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AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon via Haiphong: 3.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.; ex-Labuan via Jesselton, Sandakan, Manila: 11.30 a.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-Bangkok: 3.15 p.m.
CPAL ex-Vancouver, Tokyo: 7 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 3.15 p.m. 4.10 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.
BRAATHENS ex-Oslo, Bangkok: 4 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Saigon: 8.30 a.m.
CPA for Labuan via Manila, Sandakan, Jesselton: 2 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 6.45 a.m.
New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul, London: 2.30 p.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, London: 7 a.m.; for Tokyo: 6.15 a.m.; for Singapore: 9 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Haiphong, Saigon: 8.30 a.m.
CPA for Saigon: 12 noon; Manila: 2 p.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.
PAL for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu: 10 a.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
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Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Batavia, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok and Colombo, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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Sandakan, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Closing Times by Air

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Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Aid proposed to S.E. Asia countries

Washington, February 17.

The United States Joint Chiefs of Staff have proposed that military aid should be given to South East Asian countries to help them resist the threat of Communist aggression, Reuter learned authoritatively today.

State Department and Defence officials said that plans were under consideration by which arms and ammunition would be made available to Indo-China, Burma, Thailand and Indonesia.

The officials pointed out that President Truman had available $75 million already allocated by Congress for use in the general area of China.

They emphasized that no decision had yet been reached when such arms would be sent.

No decision could be reached unless they received requests from the Governments concerned.

Some officials appeared to be surprised that no request had yet been received from France for military equipment which that country might wish to send to the Bao Dai Government in Indo-China.

Some time ago the French were invited to state what they thought was needed in this area. Officials hinted at the possibility that France might ask Britain for some military supplies to meet their needs concerning Indo-China.

According to the proposals being studied here, it would not be necessary to seek new Congressional authorization for military aid to South East Asia, as the President's fund for the general area of China could be used.

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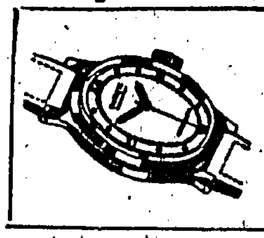
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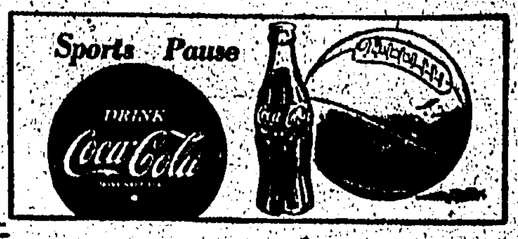

Soccer:

Hong Kong teams make clean sweep in holiday games

Hong Kong soccer teams had a successful time against the visiting Burma and Manila elevens over the Chinese New Year holidays, winning all three matches which were played at Caroline Hill.

On Friday, Hong Kong scored a convincing 5-2 victory over the Burma XI, while on Saturday, the Combined Chinese beat the Burmese visitors by four goals to three.

In the annual Interport against Manila yesterday, Hong Kong, although not fielding its best team, again came out on top, winning by six goals to one.

Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, who was an interested spectator at both yesterday's and Friday's game, was introduced to the Burmese and Filipino players, as well as Hong Kong's representatives.

Hong Kong 6—Manila 1

The official Interport soccer match between Hong Kong and a Manila XI at Caroline Hill yesterday resulted in a runaway victory for Hong Kong by six goals to one.

Although Hong Kong did not field their best team for the match, the players who represented the Colony were far superior than the visitors in every department.

Apart from Javellana, the Filipino goalkeeper, who played a creditable game between the sticks and whose handling of the ball was excellent, it is difficult to single out any other Filipino of outstanding ability for special praise.

The Manila defenders, although lacking in finesse, made up for this deficiency with robust tackling and their unceasing efforts kept the Hong Kong forwards from netting on quite a number of occasions. They bore the brunt of the play almost throughout the game.

The Manila forwards lacked combination badly. Their passing was erratic as their shooting. They were inclined to hang on to the ball too long, thereby enabling the Hong Kong defence to move into position.

Robbie Rocha, skipper of the Hong Kong team played a grand game at right back. He was master of every situation, with the result that Beech, on the left-wing, did not have a very successfully outing. Ably supporting Rocha on the left was Cheng Shu-ling.

Main stumbling block

Spence, the Hong Kong pivot, played a splendid spoiling game from start to finish and proved to be the main stumbling block in the way of the opposing forwards who, try as they would, could not rid themselves of his close attention.

Leyland, the Hong Kong custodian, had a comparatively easy afternoon. He was only really tested on one occasion and that was when the Manila team were awarded a penalty. He saved the resultant spot kick in spectacular style.

The Hong Kong forwards did not come up to expectations, particularly during the first half, when they missed numerous scoring chances.

Chu Wing-keung, who had a poor start, rallied well after the breather and was responsible for at least three of the goals scored by Hong Kong.

Castilho, leading the attack, took honours by netting four of the six goals, with Chang Kam-hoi scoring the remaining two.

The first half saw Hong Kong mainly on the attack and after three attempts at opening the score had been wasted through erratic shooting, Manila took up the running with two weak thrusts, which Spence repulsed.

Misses easy shot

After two more blunders by the Hong Kong forwards, Castilho missed an easy shot when he was sent away on a pass by Mullen. Beating the defenders on the run, he took the ball right up to the goalmouth, only to tap the ball inches away from the mark.

For long periods, Hong Kong kept pegging at the Manila defence and did almost everything but score.

Leyland brought off his first good save of the afternoon when Larrazabl sent in a stinger from over 25 yards. This was followed by a good pass by Beech to Manzano, who skied the ball when favourably placed.

After 35 minutes play, Hong Kong opened the scoring through Castilho whose shot from a pass by Andrews hit the crossbar and dropped on the goalie before entering the net.

Hong Kong were leading by one goal to nil at the interval.

Hit the crossbar

Five minutes after the interval Hong Kong went further into the lead when Chu Wing-keung was sent away down the right. Receiving a high shot over the heads of the defenders, Mullen headed the ball to Castilho, who was unmarked, for the latter to beat Javellana with an angle shot, the ball hitting the crossbar before entering the net.

Within a matter of minutes, Castilho completed his "hat trick" when his shot from close quarters again hit the upright before entering the net.

Manila fought back hard and after two unsuccessful attempts to crack the Hong Kong defence, Manzano was seen running down the wing. Drawing Cheung Shu-ling to him, he lobbed the ball over his head, for the advancing Larrazabal to beat Leyland with a fast ground shot.

Encouraged by this goal, the Filipinos swept into the attack again, but the inaccurate passing by the forwards did not help matters and after a short period of defensive play, Hong Kong set the ball in motion again.

After Chang Kam-hoi's header from a pass by Andrews skimmed the crossbar, he made amends soon after by placing the ball into the net from a pass by Chu Wing-keung.

Manila were awarded a penalty after Larrazabal's shot at goal had been handled by Spence. A tense moment followed as Nieto advanced to take the spot kick, which Leyland saved in grand style.

From then on it was Hong Kong's game as they kept up an incessant onslaught and before long added two further goals, Chang Kam-hoi and Castilho taking the honours.

Manila: Javellana: Hednandez, R. Nieto, Alvarez, Pertierra, Esteva, Manzano, Prieto, M. Nieto, Larrazabal and Beech.

Hong Kong: Leyland: Rocha, Cheng Shu-ling, Sit Piu-yin, Spence, Hutton Chiu Wing-keung, Mullen, Castilho, Chang Kam-hoi and Andrews.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Hong Kong	5	Burma	2
Combined Chinese	4	Burma	3
Hong Kong	6	Manila	1

RARC Beat RAPC in Friendly cricket game

In a friendly cricket match played at King George V School ground yesterday, Royal Army Service Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 10 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket, RASC scored 116 runs for six wickets and declared. Topscorer for RASC was Captain P. L. Tuppley who had 58 not out to his credit, while Private E. Brooks contributed 23.

RAPC replied with 106, only four of their batsmen reaching double figures, these being Captain A. Woods (30), Lieutenant J. L. Bartlett (19), Corporal W. Brown (15), and Private H. Hawley (10). Hawley was also his team's best bowler dismissing five RASC batsmen for 19 runs.

The best RASC bowler was Sergeant Hainsworth who took six wickets for 42 runs in nine overs, one of which was a maiden.

Oslo, February 18.

Results of the men's compulsory skating in the European championships at Oslo: Edeo Kraly, Hungary, 778 points; Hemot Selbt, Austria 744, and Carlo Fassi, Italy, 698 points.—Associated Press.

Results of league Cricket matches

The following are the results of Second Division League cricket matches played on Saturday:

The Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors scored a seven wicket victory over the RAF at Kai Tak. Batting first RAF declared at 138 for six wickets D. N. Ogilvie contributing 61. KCC replied with 139 for the loss of three wickets. S. V. Gittins was topscorer with 73.

Commandos v IRC

Commandos beat the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo by 39 runs. Commandos were dismissed for 132 runs, Hurst scoring a half century Motiwalla took four wickets for 27 runs. All the IRC batsmen were dismissed for a total of 93 runs. Dean captured five wickets for 39 runs.

Club de Recreio v University

At King's Park, the University XI went down to their hosts by eight wickets. Against the bowling of C. A. Guterres, who took seven wickets for 24 runs, the Varsity could only compile 62 runs to which H. Amann contributed 24. Club de Recreio passed the Varsity total with the loss of only two wickets. E. N. Noronha scored 28 not out.

IRC INTRA-CLUB CRICKET MATCH

The "Under 37" members of the Indian Recreation Club beat the "Over 37" members in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo, yesterday by 77 runs.

Batting first, the "Under 37" compiled 166 runs, to which the "Over 37" could only muster 89 in reply.

London, February 16.

Fight-promoter Jack Solomons announced today that all 40,000 tickets for the Bruce Woodcock-Lee Savold fight at the White City stadium were sold a week ago.

The fight is for the British version of the world-heavyweight championship.

Solomons" is already assured of a £71,000 gate.—Associated Press.

Softball:

Great Britain, Portugal Pakistan win in International series

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Portugal triumphed over China in both divisions of the International Softball semi-Finals, as the men subdued the opposition 7-3 and the Ladies emerged at the right end of a 6-1 count.

Pakistan accounted for USA 8-5 in the other Men's game, while Great Britain downed the Philippines 11-4 in the Ladies tussle. Portugal thus qualifies to meet Pakistan and Britain in the Men's and Women's series respectively.

Our Junior Leaguers upheld their honour against the USS Bass, as a selected side shaded the gobs 8-6 in a nine-inning game.

For four frames neither Portugal nor China could break into the scoring column as both sides clamped down with tight playing.

The pent up tension was broken in the fifth when Portugal adopted bunt tactics to tally five times on only one safe-hit (as China cracked wide open with a series of wild throws.

China, who had left runners stranded in every frame but the fifth and sixth, staged a last ditch stand in the seventh, when Pedruco fell into a hurling lapse and walked four, but the uprising died out as Herbie Quon popped out on an infield fly and Henry Wong was nailed trying to steal third base.

Vic Pedruco toed the rubber for Portugal and yielded five safeties, struck-out three and walked ten, while Lo Chung-san who started for China yielded one hit in four innings. C. H. Tsang who relieved Lo in the fifth allowed three hits.

Louis Oliveira copped batting honours with two well placed singles in three batting attempts.

Victim of a double play

China was the victim of a double play in the third inning, as Bill Woo popped up an "Infield fly" and was called out, while Sherry Dare, who was on first base, failed to get back in time, and was caught off base as Bob Remedios relayed the ball to first-sacker Ren Sequiera.

USA failed in their bid for International honours when they fell before the 10-hit Pakistan onslaught, spear-headed by "Coffee" Baker's four-run homer in the fourth.

In the absence of star moundsmen Fred Heckman and Schwartz, Schulte took over the hurling chores and was successful in holding the Pakistanis to a single run in three innings.

Baker clouted his game-winning homer with two away in the fourth, as the outfielders under-rated the willow wizard's hitting prowess.

The Americans tried to get back into the ball game with a three run uprising in the sixth, but failed to add to the score in the seventh.

Sherry Bucks pitched for the winners and allowed three hits in five inning, but faltered in the sixth when he gave up four blows.

Chinese femmes held

A strong Portuguese nine held the Chinese femmes to only one run scored in the first inning, after which they were blanked for the rest of the game.

Terry Noronha, pitching for the Portuguese, allowed four hits.

Avarita Choy dented the rubber for the only Chinese run when she was given a life on a fumble and scored on Allene Chinfen's bingle. Portugal replied with two in their half on three hits.

Consistent hitting added to the Portuguese score and six runs had crossed the plate before Alice Mar had settled down to steady pitching, to blank the Portuguese in the last two chapters.

The Great Britain Ladies team eliminated the Philippine Islanders 11-4 mainly through Dolly Brown's three-hit pitching. Thelma Coelho homered for the British side in the seventh inning, while Peggy Barros and Sheila Howard effected a double play in retiring Rosa Tiampo and Kit Collaco on a pop fly and a quick relay.

Britain collected eight blows off P. I. slabstress Josette Tiampo, with Dolly Brown and Joyce Guest being credited with two each.

Lose lead

The losers collected two runs in the first inning on two bunched up hits but lost the lead in the second half of the same chapter as three blows and an outbreak of wild throws gave Britain four runs. A further splurge of three runs in the fifth put the game on ice for the British belles.

In the two exhibition games, "Scoop" Byers Gunners triumphed over the Ladies 11-8 on Saturday and repeated their performance with a 24-14 win yesterday.

The Gunners utilised two hurlers, Jimy "Suicide" Lyons taking over from Mike "Blondie" Boardman in the fifth frame.

Doreen Ozorio on the rubber for the femmes was unable to muzzle the artillery as they blasted 14 blows off her, which included a brace of triples and a homer.

Blondie Boardman wielded the hickory with telling effect, belting four for four in four, while Pete Gorrell clouted three in four.

Teams

Players were: Ladies: (Saturday) Doreen Ozorio, Thelma Coelho, Joyce Guest, Ange Souza, Catharine Remedios, Sheila Silva, Wanda Rodrigues, Virgie Gonsales and Gerry Baptista.

Ladies (Saturday): Dolly Brown, Thelma Coelho, Sheila Howard, Alex Meadonza, Bobbie Lee, Celia Monteiro, Joyce Pomeroy, Norma Maher, Marie Baptista, Tania Tamisson.

Gunners: Mike Boardman, Pete Gorrell, Robert Joseph, Kenneth Barry, Clinton Dick, Calver Snoop, Byers, Jimy Lyons and John "Slish" Worsfold, Tim Martin, Nipper Holden.

USS Bass succumb

USS H. A. Bass succumbed to the Junior League Selection 8-6 in a nine inning game.

Neither side could score in the first four chapters, but in the fifth the gobs tallied on Mo-Williams single to left. In the bottom of the same inning, A. Ditta dented the rubber for the Juniors on a wild throw to third.

The Bass boys forged ahead again in the sixth but the Juniors jumped on them for a cluster of five runs on series of errors, aided by Harold Ong's two-run—the only safe hit for the Junior side.

In the ninth, the Bass outfit rallied with a grand-slam homer when Powers poled out a round-tripper with the bases brimming.

Results at a glance

Men's International Semi-finals

China	3	Portugal	6
Pakistan	6	U.S.A.	5

Ladies' International Semi-finals

China	1	Portugal	6
Britain	11	P. I.	4

Exhibition Games

Gunners	11	Artillery	8
Ladies	14	Artillery	24

Junior League

Spartans	14	Aces	10
Bass	8	Griffins	7

Cricket:

Hong Kong Civilians beat Combined Services

An exciting finish marked the two-day cricket match at Chater Road between Hong Kong Civilians and Combined Services, which ended in a narrow win for the Civilians by 22 runs.

The victory of the Civilians was mainly due to the fine bowling performance of veteran H. Owen-Hughes, who took three Service wickets for six runs in the first innings and four for 43 in the second.

Batting honours went to T. Grant of the Combined Services, who hit up 90 runs in a sparkling display in the Services' second innings before being caught by Cull off his own bowling.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Cull	13	6	31	—
Weller	9	2	17	—
Koh	15	2	51	3
Ragi	2	—	10	—
Gosano	12	1	40	4
Owen-Hughes	3.4	—	6	3

HK Civilians—First Innings

L. D. Kilbee c Grant b Ball	9
N. E. Arthy c Mitchell b Morgan	46
G. N. Gosano c Darbyshire b Corfield	31
O. J. Kerr b Mitchell	16
K. M. Rumjahn b Gambrill	49
F. A. Weller c Oakley b Corfield	15
H. Owen-Hughes c Panton b Gambrill	23
P. R. Ragi not out	21
R. S. Cull c Cunnington b Corfield	17
J. C. Koh b Morgan	4
Extras	7
Total	240

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Gambrill	16	3	42	2
Ball	14	2	53	1
Mitchell	16	1	62	1
Morgan	10.4	—	51	2
Corfield	15	6	25	4

Comb. Services—First Innings

A. D. Panton st Leriou b Koh	40
I. Darbyshire lbw Gosano	47
T. Grant lbw Koh	3
G. H. Cunnington c Cull b Gosano	38
R. A. D. Graveston b Gosano	0
D. Oakley c Ragi b Gosano	0
K. C. Ball b Owen-Hughes	9
E. N. Gambrill c Gosano b Owen-Hughes	1
W. M. Mitchell not out	13
R. Morgan c Kilbee b Koh	1
R. Corfield lbw Owen-Hughes	3
Extras	12
Total	167

HK Civilians—Second Innings

N. E. Arthy c Panton b Gambrill	16
L. D. Kilbee b Gambrill	4
G. N. Gosano c Morgan b Corfield	11
F. A. Weller c and b Gambrill	1
R. S. Cull st Oakley b Morgan	60
O. J. Kerr run out	10
K. M. Rumjahn not out	30
Extras	9
Total (for six wkts.)) dec.	147

H. Owen-Hughes, P. R. Ragi, J. Leriou and J. C. Koh did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Corfield	13	2	39	1
Gambrill	14	—	49	3
Ball	7	—	24	—
Mitchell	6	1	18	—
Morgan	1.2	—	8	1

Comb. Services—Second Innings

A. D. Panton lbw Gosano	23
I. Darbyshire b Weller	8
T. Grant c and b Cull	90
G. H. Cunnington c Weller b Owen-Hughes	18
R. A. D. Graveston c Cull b Owen-Hughes	12
D. Oakley b Cull	30
K. C. Ball b Cull	2
E. N. Gambrill run out	1
W. M. Mitchell c Leriou b Owen-Hughes	0
R. Morgan c Gosano b Owen-Hughes	0
R. Corfield not out	0
Extras	14
Total	198

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Cull	12.4	1	42	3
Weller	12	2	33	1
Arthy	4	—	17	—
Koh	5	1	15	—
Gosano	2	—	11	—
Owen-Hughes	8	—	43	4

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Rugby:

Club XV share honours with Saigon in enjoyable game

In an enjoyable Interport Rugby game at Happy Valley on Saturday, the Hong Kong Football Club and the Saigon Rugby XV shared honours, each side scoring three points.

A large crowd, which included Sir Alexander Grantham, the Governor, Monsieur R. E. Jobez, the French Consul and Sir Arthur Morse, was present to see the game.

At the end of the game, Monsieur Jobez presented a beautiful trophy to the Club XV, while the respective Captains exchanged pennants.

Before the game and during the interval, selections were rendered by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Both sides made a last minute change; Lachlan was unable to turn out for the Club due to a bruised shoulder so that D. Stewart came into the side, while Debize, who was indisposed, was unable to play for Saigon. As a result, Lalague came up to centre and Lahouze came on at full-back.

Nolan kicked off for Club and both ends were visited in turn in some scrappy, desultory play, while the players were warming up. After six minutes, De Romo kicked ahead.

Lahouze fumbled and got himself into difficulties and tried to kick for touch on the open side. Club were up quickly and the ball was gathered by Minto after what looked like a most palpable knock-on, sending Stewart over in the corner.

Henderson made a good but unsuccessful effort to convert.

All Saigon

For a while after this, it was all Saigon and only some good defensive work by the Club threes, plus some neat and accurate kicking by Nolan and some over-exctability by the Frenchmen saved the team's line.

First Lavale was almost through on the blind side in the right-hand corner but knocked on. Then Megret broke through and five Frenchmen could not take the ball 15 yards without a knock-on.

Then Saleix was short with a penalty kick.

The visitors were not, however, to be denied and after a quick heel from a scrum under the posts, Puy sent direct to Saleix who, from 20 yards out, made no mistake with a drop-kick, and equalised after 17 minutes.

At this time, Club were getting most of the ball from the set scrums and lines-out, but bad passing in the centre was the reason for the lack of progress and the Frenchmen were able to keep play mostly in the Club half by quick following-up and kicking.

Forwards livelier

Their forwards were livelier but had not the same solidity as the Club pack. Meffan and Winyard were putting in one same good work in the loose mauls, while Nolan's kicking was well-judged and accurate.

Guitkeriez showed himself adept at defensive covering and both he and Lalague were fielding and kicking well.

In the second half Club saw less of the ball, but the three-quarters seemed to have lost any earlier apprehension and kept hammering at the Saigon line with orthodox movements and some better passing in the centre by Mackie, who changed places with Stewart and Turville. Perhaps a little "eclat" transferred from the Frenchmen, might have brought results.

De Rome tried hard, but was unfortunate on two occasions. The forwards fell away and the Frenchmen were picking and scummaging better at the end.

Henderson might have kicked two penalties, one awarded against Bebrailles for "barging" in the line out and the other against Toulier for off-side, but it was not one of his better days.

The game ended with the Saigon pack getting on top, but with their backs at full stretch trying to hold the Club three-quarters who were always trying hard to find gaps in a good defence.

Good pair of hands

Lahouze, at full-back for Saigon, had a very weak kick but showed a very good pair of hands.

Guitkeriez and Megret both played well on the wings and covered Nolan's kicks ahead well and tackled with determination.

Both Lavall, and the centres were too prone to make handling mistakes but tackled well and kicked accurately.

Puy, at scrum-half, was hampered by sluggish heeling but played well, appearing like a will-o'-the-wisp in the most unexpected places.

Bebrailles got through a lot of good work in the line out and as the game progressed the whole pack improved in the tight.

For the Club, D. Henderson did an uncourtenied task at full-back competently. He was sometimes out of position but he made no mistakes which he could not rectify.

De Rome was in excellent form and made great efforts to keep the ball in play when unsupported. He was unlucky in not scoring at least once.

Kept eye on opponent

Turvill had a good game and moved well, but both Mackie and Stewart appeared to try to keep on eye on an opponent when passing so that as often as not, the ball finished on the ground.

Stewart who played centre in the first half was the more guilty in this respect.

Of the forwards, Meffan, Winyard and Minto most often caught the eye while, of course, Carrel's long kicks from penalties made him a most valuable member of the side.

On the whole it was an enjoyable game, if scrappy, with Hong Kong perhaps unfortunate not to win even if only because they had more of the play.

The teams were:

Hong Kong Football Club: D. Henderson, De Rome, Turvill, Stewart, Mackie Nolan (Captain), J. Henderson: Carrel, Meffan, Forsgate, Winyard, Minto Warne, Farquharson, Taylor.

Saigon: Lahouze: Megret, Saleix, Salagne, Guitteriez; Lavall (Captain), Puy; Perez, Ribas, Carrere, Algavres, Hebrailles, Sedre, Pederlon, Touller.

HOCKEY RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Army	4	Recreio "B"	1
Recreio "A"	4	Nomads	0
Dutch HC	4	YMCA	2
Club	3	Chand Tara	0
RAF	2	Police	0
Paks	2	HKU	0

ARMY BEAT RECREIO "B" 4-1

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Army deservedly beat Recreio "B" in a hockey fixture by four goals to one.

Daniels opened the scoring for the Army after 10 minutes with a good drive which Garcia got a pad to but could not save.

This was followed shortly afterwards by another goal by Gardner.

Gosano scored for Recreio from a penalty corner before half-time, leaving the interval score at two goals to one in favour of Army.

On the change over, Gardner added two more goals, one from a characteristically solo effort.

In goal for Army, Rogerson had little to do and the same remark covers the backs, who had to deal with the few attacks which bent the halves.

Shacks, however, showed some neat touches and had a good game.

Stream of passes

The halves played well individually and as a line. Fitz-Gibbon controlled the centre of the field, while Skipwith and Mersh kept their opponents well in hand as well as maintaining a constant stream of passes to the forwards. McKenzie appeared to be the best forward afield. He sent Lambie away time and again and was repeatedly making good openings for the other forwards.

Gardner and Daniels did many very clever things but were prodigal in front of goal and through indecision and attempting to "tee" the ball before shooting, lost many opportunities.

Lambie was the better wing and was more direct, Humphreys spoiling an otherwise good display by a tendency to push his centres instead of hitting them, with the result that they were easily intercepted.

Garcia played excellently—one save from a push by Daniels late in the game being particularly brilliant.

Gosano was a tower of strength at the left back and J. Remedios, who was injured five minutes before the finish when he fell in front of a drive from McKenzie and sustained a cut over his right eye, was in grand form.

Vieira, A. J. Remedios and Marques all played pluckily but were not up to the class of their opponents.

The forwards were never permitted to settle down due to the fact that the Army halves never relaxed their grip and never looked likely to score.

All tried manfully, however, and none better than Roza, who made heruclean efforts to find a way through.

Army: Rogerson, Stocks and Nicholson, Skipwith, Fitz-Gibbon, Mersah; Lambie, McKenzie, Gardner, Daniels and Humphreys.

Recreio "B": Garcia, Vieira and Gosano, A. J. Remedios, J. Remedios, and Marques Guterres, Luz, Osmund, Roza and Carvalho.

Steeplechases at Sandown Park and Leopardstown

London, February 18.

Two steeplechases regarded as Grand National trials were run today, one in England at Sandown Park and the other at Leopardstown, Eire.

In the race at Sandown Park Lord Mildmay's Cromwell, second favourite for the National, was surprisingly beaten into fifth place behind the French-bred grey, Soda, II, who won the event by four lengths from the French-bred mare Salmiana, with Gallery one length away third.

Soda, who has only 144 pounds to carry in the National, gave a fine display of jumping and started at 7 to 1.

Another surprise

The race was the Grand International Handicap Chase, and was run over three miles five furlongs. Six of the 11 runners are engaged in the National, one of them, Weevel, had to be destroyed when he broke a fetlock after jumping the 12th fence.

The race in Eire, also run over three miles five furlongs, created another surprise. Cottage Rake, Eire's champion steeplechaser, was made a 6 to 4 favourite for the Leopardstown Handicap, but was unplaced behind the lightly weighted 12-year-old Coupe.

Coupe, starting at 100 to 6, easily beat last year's Irish Grand National winner, Mr. James Rank's Shagreen, who was heavily supported at 5 to 2, by ten lengths, with another outsider, Arranbog, a further 12 lengths away third.

Eight of the 14 runners are engaged in the National, but of these only Shagreen, who was conceding weight to all but Cottage Rake, ran well.—Reuter.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD IN ANNUAL HOCKEY MATCH

London, February 18.

Cambridge University beat Oxford University in the annual inter-varsity hockey match at Beckenham, Kent, today by one goal to nil.

H. M. Forster, inside left, scored for Cambridge late in the game after the winners' defence had time and again saved the side.—Reuter.

Eskilstuna, Sweden, February 18.

H. J. Andersen, of Norway won the 5,000 metres event in the world speed skating championship here with a time of 8 minutes 19.4 seconds.

Leader in the overall championship after two events had been decided today was Andersen with 104.004 points.

The 1,500 and 10,000 metres events will be held tomorrow.—Reuter.